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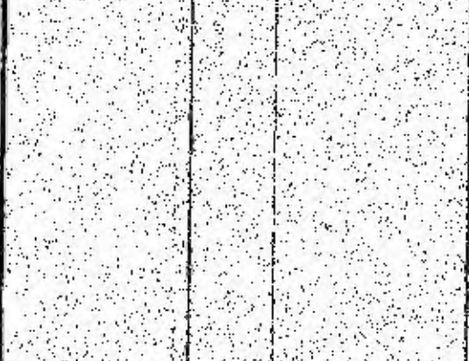
Punjab : "Too rich and drunk" :Desai

New Delhi - Prime Minister Morarji Desai, going by official statistics, feels that Punjab has the highest per capita income in the country and that the Punjabis drink too much liquor.

But Punjab's Revenue Minister Jiwan Singh Umranangal, to whom the Prime Minister convert these remarks, feels that the Punjabis who were considered rich were all under heavy debts, their tractors and tube-wells for irrigation were financed by loans.

Explaining his recent outburst on what he has been describing as "discrimination and injustice" by the Central Government against Punjab in the last 30 years, at an hour-long meeting with Desai, the Punjab Minister said that his State should be allowed to put up big industries without any restrictions "because it was a poor State."

Umranangal presented a 10-page memorandum in Punjabi to the



Prime Minister in which he detailed the "sad plight of the people of the State, particularly dependents of 500,000 Sikhs who were killed in the partition riots of 1947. He demanded compensation at the rate of Rs. 5,000 for the dependents of every person killed and Rs. 25,000 for every family wiped out in the 1947 riots.

Second satellite in December

New Delhi, June 9 (UNI): Ten of India's space scientists will participate in the launching of the second Indian satellite from a Soviet cosmodrome.

This was stated by Prof. N.S. Novikov, deputy chairman of the Intercosmos and leader of the Soviet Space scientists delegation.

Prof. Novikov and some of the Soviet scientists, who returned to Delhi after talks with scientists of the Indian space research organization at Bangalore, said the Indian scientists would work with Soviet scientists at the ground station at Bears Lake for monitoring data from the satellite and giving commands to the satellite.

The satellite for earth observation (SEO) is proposed to be launched in December. It would have a weight of 420 kilograms and would be launched into a near circular orbit of 520 kilometres at an inclination of 51 degrees by a Soviet intercosmos rocket.

Prof. Novikov said besides the Bears Lake ground station in the Soviet Union, two ground stations at Sriharikota and Ahmedabad in India would also receive data from the second satellite.

Data received would be exchanged between the Soviet Union and India.

Prof. Novikov denied that Indian scientists were not allowed to go to the Soviet cosmodrome at the time of launching of the first satellite in 1975.

He asserted that 50 Indian scientists and engineers, including Prof. Satish Dhawan and Dr. U.R. Rao of the ISRO, were allowed to watch the launching from the cosmodrome.

For the second satellite also, the same procedure would be followed.

World Bank loan

New Delhi, June 12 (UNI): India is getting another loan of 120 million dollars from the World Bank for development of the telecommunications system.

This is the seventh in the series of such loans since 1962, taking the total World Bank Aid to India for telecommunications to 488 million dollars.

The current loan was negotiated recently in Washington by a team led by J.A. Dave, Secretary, Communications.

A special feature of the loan is that, for the first time, the World Bank will be giving a loan for modernising and upgrading telecommunication manufacturing industry.

Indians abroad wooed

New Delhi — Qualified overseas Indians interested in investing in mini-computer- related industrial programmes will be given necessary facilities under the government's new industrial and technology policy for mini-computer- and micro-professor-based systems.

Under the new policy, the emphasis will be on setting up of systems engineering companies, not necessarily engaged in the manufacture of Central processing units of peripherals. Manufacturers of processors of peripherals could however be permitted to produce mini-computer systems.

While examing applications for industrial licences or small-scale approvals, a detailed scrutiny will be undertaken to ensure that the application areas in which the min-computer or micro-processor system is to be used, are in tune with national priorities.

The industrial licensing policy will also continue to be restrictive in areas where labour displacements is likely to be involved.

Foreign technical collaboration for high performance peripheral units would be permitted on a selective basis. Electronics being an industry which thrives on sophistication in exceptional cases where it is demonstrably in the interests of quality and sophisticated electronics development in the country, foreign technical collaboration may be permitted. Otherwise no foreign financial or technical collaboration would be permitted for companies wishing to use mini-computer systems.

Foreign brand names may be permitted to be used for the explicit purpose of promotion of export sales. Indigenous brand names should be evolved for the domestic market.

U.P.dry law struck down

Allahbad — The Allahbad High Court held that section 37A of the Uttar Pradesh Excise Act, which prohibited transport and possession of intoxicant, was violative of Article 14 and was, therefore, ultravires of the Constitution.

Under this section, the government had issued three notifications imposing total prohibition in seven districts of U.P. and had banned the sale of liquor in all bars and clubs throughout the state from April 1. The notifications also introduced total prohibition of taree(neera) in the state.

Allowing 66 writ petitions, mainly by dealers and one by a 'habitual addict', a full Bench of the High Court consisting of Chief Justice, Satish Chandra, Mr. Justice T.S. Mishra and Mr. Justice Prem Prakash held that Section 37 (A) of the Act was violative of Article 14 of the Constitution.

A Division Bench of the High Court later granted leave to the government to appeal to the Supreme Court. The High Court in Lucknow, the Chief Minister Ram Naresh Yadav said that the state government will go in for an appeal to the Supreme Court against the Allahbad High Court's order.

Indira unhurt after stoning

New Delhi June 10 — A car carrying former prime minster Indira Gandhi was attacked with stones and bottles in the eastern Indian city of Bhubaneswar, but the veteran politician escaped injury by protecting herself with pillows.

The Press Trust of India said at least 30 people, including several of Mrs. Gandhi's supporters and policemen, were injured. A State Assembly memebr of her Congress Party was beaten with sticks.

The agency, quoting police sources, said the attckers were supporters of the ruling Janata Party. About 150 young men had waved black flags and shouted slogans at Mrs. Gandhi before the stone-throwing began.

The trouble began as Mrs. Gandhi was being driven to the town of Cuttack just outside the Orissa state capital of Bhubaneswar.

PTI said the windows of Mrs. Gandhi's car were smashed and other cars in the motorcade were also attacked.

Mrs. Gandhi said later that the incident had exposed the Janata Party's claim that it was champ-

ioning the cause of democracy.

In Calcutta earlier, Mrs. Gandhi said many members of her Congress Party had been killed in West Bengal in the past few months.

[Reuter]

Tamils favour prohibition and Hindi

Madras - More than 80 per cent of Tamil Nadu's adult population favours continuance of prohibition in the State and more than one-third of the literate adults are eager to learn Hindi.

This is revealed in a state-wide survey conducted recently by the statistics department of a Madras college.

But a majority of adults are against the compulsory introduction of Hindi in schools while 27 per cent are for it.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Morarji Desai has assured all the southern states that there would be "no imposition of Hindi on non-Hindi speaking people."

In a letter to Tamil Nadu Finance Minister K. Mancharan, however, pointed out that conditions could not remain static and the "use of Hindi for official purposes is jbound to increase as the years pass."

Harappan culture

Bombay — Exciting excavations by a team of archaeologists at Daimabad, 400 km east of Bombay have yielded conclusive proof that the great Indus Valley culture of Harappa had reached this part of the Deccan 4,000 years ago.

Till recently, Dhule, in north Maharashtra, was believed to be the last point up to which Harappan culture had spread in the south.

Janata wins joint session

New Delhi - The Government scored a thumping victory when the historic joint session of Parliament passed the Bankin Service Commission (Repeal) Bill, earlier rejected by the Rajya Sabha, despite vehement protests by a section of the Opposition.

Thus, yet another act of the previous Government during the emergency - the creation of a Banking Services Commission by an Act of Parliament — has been annulled. The Presidential Ordinance abolishing the Commission was approved by the Lok Sabha but rejected by the Upper House on Dec. 8, 1977. The unspilt Congress Party, then, had an overwhelming majority in the House.

It was a measure of the demoralization in the ranks of the Congress - Congress (I) - CPI combination that it did not press for a division at the final stage of the Bill's passage as the vote taken earlier at the consideration stage was 439 for and 200 against.

Finance Minister Hiralal Patel, who piloted the Bill amid continuous Opposition interruptions, declared that the Government had no intention of going back on the nationalization of banks and that it was committed to its social and economic objectives.

Mizoram poll results

Aizwal — The strife-torn union territory of Mizoram in Eastern India may at last find peace following the spectacular success of the People's Conference led by Brigadier Thenphunga Sailo [retired] in the state wide elections completed recently.

Contesting the election on the plank 'peace first and foremost' the People's Conference, which had the backing of the Janata Party, has won more than two-thirds of the 30 elective seats. The state assembly will also have three nominated members.

The militant Mizo National Front led by Laldenga did not contest the election but several of its leaders contested as independents and all of them seem to have been trounced.

Political observers in New Delhi said this may cause some discomfiture to La'denga, the leader of insurgency in Mizoram and hitherto its undisappointed leader.

Delhi journalists demonstrate

New Delhi, June 13 (UNI): The Delhi Union of Journalists and the Delhi State Newspaper Employees Federation staged a silent demonstration before the Pakistan embassy here to protest against the atrocities on journalists and the newspaper workers in Pakistan.

A deputation of the demonstrators handed to an embassy official a letter addressed to the chief martial law administrator Zia Ul-Haq.

In the letter, the journalists and workers expressed distress over recourse to flogging as a measure of punishment.

"The repressive steps taken by your government to throttle information and convert the press into a captive medium of official publicity is fought with dangerous consequences," the letter said.

"We appeal to your good sense to come back to the Path of orderly, democratic behaviour."

The letter has asked Gen Zia Ul Haq to release the journalists and newspaper workers who may still be in prison.

Nirankari plea rejected

New Delhi, June 9 (UNI): The Supreme Court has turned down request of Baba Gurbachan Singh, head of the Nirankari Mandal that investigations regarding the Amritsar April 13 incident be made in Delhi and not in Amritsar so far as he was concerned.

Dismissing a petition by the Baba, Mr. Justice N.L. Untwalia, the vacation Judge, said it would not be proper for the court to interfere with the course of investigation. It was for the government to decide the place and manner of investigation, the order said.

Referring to the petitioner's alternate plea through his counsel A.N. Mulla that he could be available in Chandigarh for investigation, Justice Untwalia said he would leave the matter to the Punjab Government to consider if they thought it proper.

Drug abuse

New Delhi, June 9 (UNI): Alcohol, cannabis (bhang or ganja), opium and tobacco are the most commonly abused drugs in India, according to the national committee on drug addiction.

The Committee, headed by Dr. C. Gopalan, Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research, in its report, says hallucinogens (like LSD), tranquillisers, barbiturates, and amphetamines have also started making their appearance among the general population, particularly among students.

The study quotes the 1975 narcotic commissioner's report to say that there are more than 80,000 known opium addicts in India.

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Shah Commission

Abuse of authority charged

By Our Correspondent

New Delhi: The Shah Commission has found Mrs. Indira Gandhi guilty of gross abuse of authority in initiating CBI action and raids against the officers of the Commerce and Industry Ministries, who in the course of the discharge of their duties had taken steps to collect some information about Maruti Limited for answering a Parliamentary question.

The Commission has found Mrs. Gandhi responsible for the institution of criminal proceedings against these four officers, having their houses searched and subjected them to humiliation merely because they were responsible for collecting information in the discharge of their duties which would have been prejudicial to the interest of Maruti Ltd., a concern in which Mr. Sanjay Gandhi, her son, was vitally interested.

The Commission has found that in the case of the 12 textiles and customs employees, who were arrested on false and fabricated allegations and subsequently detained under MISA, Mrs. Gandhi had abused the authority and misused the power.

The report also said that the CBI Director, Mr. D. Sen, who initiated action against the employees on "totally inadequate and imaginary" grounds also grossly misused his position and abused authority.

The Commission has characterised Mr. P.S. Bhinder, the then DIG of Police in Delhi, as the hatchetman, who went about the arrest and detention of these officers without any justification whatsoever.

BOEING PURCHASE

Justice Shah has come to the conclusion that the manner in which the deal for the purchase of Boeing was pushed through suffered from several infirmities. There was avoidable haste in rushing through the deal.

The Commission has adversely commented on the presence of Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, another son of Mrs. Indira Gandhi, at a meeting in the office of the Chairman of the Indian Airlines, at which the proposed purchase of boeing aircraft was discussed.

In regard to the import of an aircraft by Dhirendra Brahmachari, the Commission has found that Brahmachari had fully exploited his association with the then Prime Minister's house in getting the aircraft imported by misrepresenting it as a gift.

SHUKLA GUILTY

The Commission has held the then Information and Broadcasting Minister, V.C. Shikla, guilty of gross misuse of authority in getting the Congress Election Manifesto translated by Government officials and in preparing several posters for his elections. In regard to the action taken by the I and B Ministry on the harassment of Kishore Kumar, (film producer), the Commission has found that Mr. Shukla's acceptance of the responsibility for all these actions was only constitutional. Apart from the constitutional responsibility, Mr. Shukla was also responsible for gross misuse of power because he was in fact fully responsible for various disabilities that were afflicted on Mr. Kishore Kumar. The Commission has held this to be a clear case of vindictiveness.

DETENTIONS

Among the numerous cases of detention on which the Commission has come to adverse conclusions is the case of detention of the late Bhim Sen Sachar. The Commission has held that in the light of the evidence the decision to detain Mr. Sachar was taken by Mrs. Gandhi, who thereby abused her position and power.

The Commission has, in the course of its general observation, pointed out that it would consider its labours amply rewarded if there is a public debate on some of the vital issues focussed by it with the object of devising corrective machinery and remedial action.

Rupee revalued

Bombay, Jun 12 (UNI): The value of the rupee in terms of the pound sterling is upgraded by 2.6 per cent in view of the Reserve Bank's decision to revise its rate for purchase and sale of pound sterling for spot delivery with effect from May 24.

In November lasty the selling price per one pound was Rs. 15.80 and buying Rs. 15.70.

From today the selling price per pound has been reduced to Rs. 15.40 and buying Rs. 15.30 (15.30).

This is the first upward revision of the value of the rupee since November last.

Tough summer in Delhi

New Delhi, June 9 (UNI): Animals in Delhi zoo are passing through the sweltering hot summer days in cool comforts.

Tigers lie in their cages and let the cool breeze blow on them from desert coolers. An object of special attnetion is a tigress which littered a fortnight ago.

For the three clouded leopards, (these are still icy days. They crouch on ice blocks which are being regularly laid inside cages.

The birds' enclosure has been thatched to keep out the sun. So are some of the moats where water birds live.

For the city's numerous nursery owners, the heatwave has come as a curse. Water is scarce and plants and saplings wither, with hot winds blowing day after day as though from an oven. Roadside plants in some areas of this green city are seen wilting. The ample lawns around bungalows are turning yellow.

Nehru's anniversary

New Delhi, May 27 (UNI): Thousands of people belonging to all walks of life today offered their homage to Jawaharlal Nehru at the Shanti Van on the occasion of his fourteenth death anniversary.

Ban on Monkey export resented

New Delhi, June 9 (UNI): Ban on the export of monkeys by the Union Goveroment early this year has now become a bone of contention between the United Sates and Inida, it is learnt.

The ban has hit a large number of multi-million dollar drug firms in the United States, Britain and some European countries.

This is because India is the main source of rehesus monkeys for biomedical research in these countries, particularly for the production of polio vaccines.

Other types of monkeys, though available in countries of Aftica, are not suitable for this type of research and hence most of the countries had been depending on India for supply of rehesus monkeys.

India's decision to ban exports of monkeys was taken by Prime Minister Morarji Desai himself on the basis of representations from some American animal-lovers that monkeys from India were being used by the United States to study the effect of radiation in neutron bombs.

The information that the United States defence department was using rehesus monkeys for radiation experiments was first published in the American media itself.

Tourist villages to be set up

New Delhi, June 12 (UNI): The Department of Tourism propose to design to set up tourist villages at key locations along highways and other selected centres to provide accommodation and other facilities to tourists travelling by road.

Each tourist village would consist of six to eight tourist cottages and 15 tented structures to provide accommodation for about 100 persons. The common facilities will be a cafetaria, toilet and shower blocks for the ten dwellers and shops selling handicraft of the area.

At the outset these villages will be set up at eight selected centres - two along the Asian highway (between Delhi and Calcutta), two between Calcutta and Madras, two between Madras and Bombay and two between Bombay and Delhi.

Road fatalities

New Delhi, May 23 (UNI): India has the highest rate of fatal road accidents in the world although casualities are fewer than in developed countries.

According to a study, the fatality rate is a staggering 64.9 per 10,000 motor vehicles, which is five to 15 times the rates in advance countries.

The study says, the number of road accidents in big cities has been growing and more than 50 per cent of them occur in Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras.

During the 14 year period from 1960 to 1974, the percentage increase in the number of vehicles was 18.7 a year.

A real diplomat

New Delhi — Anthing irrational nowadays can be blamed on the heat wave now sweeping most parts of India, and diplomats have the additional "diplomatic immunity" to protect them.

According to the Delhi Police, a diplomat, visited a repair shop for the return of his refrigerator but when he found that work on it had not been completed, he whisked out his pistol and fired six shots at another refrigerator belonging to a different embassy.

With the protection of diplomatic immunity the diplomat would get away with it all, but the shopowner would have to replace the "victimised" refrigerator.

Meanwhile, over 60 persons are reported to have died in various parts of India as a result of the heatstroke about half of them in the Gurgaon district of Harayana.

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According to the UNI correspondent covering the film festival in Tashkent, Raj Kapoor and his younger brother and star of the film Shashi Kapoor were virtually mobbed by the enthusiastic Uzbek crowd. Even at the official reception, which followed, the Kapoor brothers were mobbed by ambassadors, top delegates and fans.

As the delegates arrived at the reception, an Uzbek boy was singing songs from a 26-year old Raj Kapoor hit "Awara".

Earlier, India's Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Jagbir Singh hosted a party by the side of the hotel swimming pool at which "puris" and "karkari" were served.

Thereafter, the official Indian entry, Gulzar's "Kitab" was screened at the Palace of Arts.

Karunanidhi charged

Madras — The crime branch of CID of the Tamil Nadu police today filed a charge sheet before the chief metropolitan magistrate against the DMK chairman and former Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi, and 13 others accusing them, among other things, of hatching a plot to murder Mrs. Gandhi during her visit to the State on October 29 and 30.

The case will be taken up on June 12.

According to the chargesheet, investigation by a special team of officers revealed that Mr. Karunanidhi and his associates met in an urgently summoned conclave and hatched a plan to avail of the opportunity of Mrs. Gandhi's visit to create disturbance on the route she was to take under the guise of a black flag demonstration and to murder her in the resulting chaos and confusion.

According to the police, the DMK leaders held Mrs. Gandhi responsible for the dismissal of DMK ministry in January, 1976 and for the large scale arrests of party men.

Ban on Oman lifted

New delhi, June 12 (UNI): The Government of India has lifted the temporary ban on recruitment of Indians for employment in Sultanate of Oman (Muscat).

The ban was imposed recently on complaints that the condition of Indian labour employed in Oman was miserable and that they were maltreated by a few multinational companies.

The Government of India also sent a fact-finding delegation to Muscat to make on-the-spot inquiries.

Finally, it has been decided to blacklist one multinational company for recruitment of labour from India. The general ban on employment in Oman has been lifted.

Forty-one Indians recruited by the Oman embassy for employment in Sultan's palace would now be allowed to proceed to Oman.

About 90,000 Indians are serving in Oman in different capacities.

To China with pens

New Delhi, June 12 (UNI): A team of Indian journalists left for China May 21.

The delegation's visit, which has been sponsored by the Indian government in response to an invitation extended by the Chinese News Agency, Hsinhua, is the first one in 17 years.

The members of the delegation are: George Verghese, former editor of the Hindustan Times, K.R. Maltani, chief editor of the Organiser, an english tabloid, Ranjit Roy, chief of the New Delhi bureau of the Aanandu Bazar Patrika (A Calcutta edition), A.N. Sivaraman, editor of the Tamil daily, Dinamani and Dharamvir Bharati, editor of the Hindi fortnightly journal, Dharamyug.

Desai felicitates Reddy

New Delhi — Prime Minister Morarji Desai felicitated President Nilam Sanjiva Reddy on his 5th birthday.

During the 45-minute long meeting, the two are understood to have reviewed the political situation in the country and the two reports of the Shah Commission and the Government's memorandum thereon.

Official sources, however, described the talks as an "end of Parliament session routine."

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IBM winds up in India

New Delhi — IBM has phased out of the Indian scene ending its operations in the computer field spanning over 25 years, following its refusal to dilute its equity in accordance with the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) applicable to all foreign companies operating in this country.

But IBM customers through the country would continue to be served by two companies which stepped into IBM's shoes from June 1. The maintenance work was taken over by the public-sector Computer Maintenance Corp. (CMC) while IBM manufacturing activities, its data centres, consultancy services were taken over by the former IBM employees.

After IBM decided to wind up its operations in India, it was permitted by the Reserve Bank to sell its assets to the International Data Management (IDM), a company formed by IBM employees.

The formation of IDB has helped provide continuity of service to 180 IBM employees who have raised its entire capital.

IDM is taking over IBM's data centres in New Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras, but for maintenance of its machines it would depend on CMC.

MPs appeal for arms race ban

New Delhi, June 12 (UNI): More than 275 members of parliament from different parties have called for an end to the arms race and asked for a ban on all nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction, particularly the neutron bomb.

In a signed appeal, at the initiative of the All India Peace and Solidarity Organization, they have pointed out that detente can be made irreversible, a new international order ensured, and the world can advance towards lasting peace only if steps are taken towards general and complete disarmament.

More than 50 MPs from the Janata Party, 76 form the Congress, 50 from Congress (I) and 30 from CPI-M are among those who have signed the appeal.

Maharishi's helicopter siezed

New Delhi, June 9 (UNI): The customs authorities seized a helicopter belonging to Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, the high priest of transcendental meditation.

Informed sources said that the government seized the six-seater "Bell-206" helicopter following the yogi's failure to produce before the authorities a valid licence to retain the helicopter in the country.

The sources said that the Government had authorized him to import a helicopter from the United States on the condition that he would sent it back after one year.

A few days ago, the authorities asked the yogi to present a valid licence to enable him to retain the helicopter for a further period, but he failed to do so.

Following its seizure the matter has been referred for adjudication.

Satellite

New Delhi, June 13 (UNI): Trials have begun to use satellite for domestic communications.

English and personality

New Delhi, June 13 (UNI): The government has decided that in personality tests conducted by the Union Public Service Commission for recruitment to All India services undue emphasis should not be laid on the candidate's felicity in using the English language.

This is in line with a suggestion made by the estimates committee of Parliament in its report on recruitment of persons to the all India services.

The committe had pointed out how the interviews for personality test were generally conducted in English and replies also expected in English. This placed students, who had studied in schools or colleges in medium other than English, under a handicap. It suggested that in such interviews opportunity might also be given to answer in Hindi and the regional languages.

Desai meets Charan Singh

New Delhi — Morarji Desai called on Charan Singh, who is under treatment in a hospital following a heart attack, and was with the Home Minister for 45 minutes during which the Prime Minister said he had discussed "nothing in particular" with him.

Desai said that since he was going abroad he had some matters to discuss with the Home Minister but he declined to divulge the subjects discussed.

Later, Charan Singh issued a statement asking the Janata Party to "remember that attempts will be made by capitalists and their agents to subvert their loyality by money and all possible means."

The statement, his first since he took ill nearly a month ago, was made in view of the meetings of the Janata legislature parties in U.P. and Bihar where chief Ministers are seeking votes of confidence.

New Pak ambassador

New Delhi - Pakistan's Ambassador to Vienna Abdul Satar has been appointed his country's second Ambassador to India since the resumption of diplomatic relations between the two countries about two years ago.

Satar, who is 47, succeeds Fida Hassan who died here following a heart attack a few months ago.

Sattar had worked in the Pakistan Mission in New Delhi in 1971.

Meanwhile, in Delhi Union of Journalists and the Delhi State Newspaper Employees Federation staged a silent demonstration outside the Pakistan Embassy here to protest against atrocities on Journalists and newspaper workers in that country.

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INDIAN MISSIONS

It is heartening to see that the Government of India is reviewing the working of Indian missions abroad and Indians abroad are invited to help in the process by sending their suggestions to External Affairs Ministry in New Delhi.

This should be considered as a good opportunity to provide an input into an area that needs a lot of improvement.

The main focus of the review should be the personnel manning the missions and their qualifications, attitudes, experience, maturity and capability. Many of them are not tuned to function well in a modern, fast-moving, efficiency-oriented western society. In many cases their ignorance in many things are stupendous and is only exceeded by their arrogance. Some of them still feel they are operating in a setting that reminds one of the worst Indian bureaucratic setting.

Looking at them at three different levels the high commissioners usually have been of good calibre. Ashok Bhadkamkar, Mehaboob Ahmed and Uma Shankar Bajpai belong to this category. Gen Chaudhary would have done better had he been less arrogant.

The secretaries and consul-generals have been a mixed bag. One does not realize why a category known as deputy high commissioner has been created. None of the incumbents so far has deserved those positions or responsibilities if they had any. They have been, as a group, the least informed and the most likely to mar the image of India. Among others also, many have not had the willingness to learn, the ability to be diplomatic.

The third category, those below the secretaries have been the worst offenders with some exceptions. (For example the kind who will ask you rudely at the missions "What do you want?") This group before being sent abroad requires very extensive orientation and training. It is not appropriate to assume that they will pick up the right attitudes after being here for some time.

Apart from the personnel the facilities also require careful review. It is pathetic to see the lack of such facilities in Ottawa.

We hope a number of our readers will write to the External Affairs Ministry on this subject.

Nehru fellowships awarded

New Delhi — Deputy Director of the National Physical Laboratory Dr. A.P. Mitra and writer K.K. Nair have been awarded Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowships for 1978, it was announced here, on the eve of the 14th anniversary of the former Prime Minister's death.

Dr. Mitra currently working in the field of ionospheric studies and radio propagation will devote his two-year fellowship to work on his project "the changing atmosphere future trends and options for India."

His work would lead to specific recommendations on the stand that India should take on ozone depletion problem in the international forums the conflicting requirements of nitrogenous fertilizer and the alarming increase of carbon dioxide and aerosol at tropospheric levels.

Nair, better known by his pen name, Krishna Chaitanya, has published several books on humanities and sciences, including a several-volume history of world literature.

Nair will use his fellowship to work on his Freedom and Transcedence the final volume in his five volume philosophy of freedom.

Letters

Dual citizenship

I read with great interest the letter of Dr. Dehejia regarding dual citizenship (CIT May 18, 1978). Before I can support any such proposition I would want to know the gains to be made from dual citizenship.

If the motive behind gaining dual citizenship is to be able to go back to India permanently whenever one wished and be part of that country's political life (to elect or be elected to political office), this could be achieved by making it almost automatic for a person to regain Indian citizenship (lost automatically by naturalization and not by renunciation) when he/she changes his/her domicile to live in India (domicile and residence are two different things for most governments). And, if the motive is to participate in the political life of both the countries simultaneously, the idea is downright nonsense if not crazy. Therefore, unless someone gives me a good reason for dual citizenship I have my reservations to support such a move. One cannot really owe allegiance to two States at one and the same time.

Although many supporters of dual citizenship give example of U.S.A. and Isreal, I do not think that U.S.A recognizes dual citizenship. The U.S.A. does, however, draws distinction between citizenship and nationality and considers the naturalized Americans to be nationals of the country of their origin. This is quite different from dual citizenship. I am told that the new Canadian Citizenship Act recognizes dual citizenship but only time will tell how such a system is going to work in practice. Canada already is in a Constitutional crisis. I am afraid dual citizenship may create further problems.

For majority of us who wish to retire in India there are no political aspirations. It matters little, therefore, what country they are citizens of when living a retired life in India. It does matter, however, if they are taxed twice on the same income. Hence, it is more important for us to ask the governments of India and Canada to enter into a tax agreement to avoid double taxation.

A right to impose tax is not necessarily based on the citizenship of an individual although a case may be made on the theory that the income tax is a personal imposition which a country is entitled to demand in return for the protection and status which citizenship of that country confers. Income tax usually is claimed upon the basis of the individual's residence in a country, whereby he/she receives the protection of that country's laws and the benefits of social advantages afforded him/her. A justifiable claim to impose income tax is also made at the souce from which the income is paid.

If a Canada-India Tax Agreement does come through (which I understand is under discussion of the respective governments), what we should be pressing for is, that the pension and life annuities derived from one of the contracting State by a resident of the other contracting State should be exempt from taxation in the latter State. Though this suggestion is contrary to what is provided in Canada - U.S.A Tax Agrement, I am of the opinion that Canada may not enter into an agreement otherwise because it is going to be detrimental to her. With the suggestion I make it will be easier for Canada to enter into a tax agreement because she will not lose from the tax deduction at source and India will gain from the foreign exchange earned through the incomes of pensioners.

Gulshan Saini
Fredericton, N.B.

Jackson remarks protested

This letter of protest is being submitted following a meeting of the South Asian Working Group, an association of South Asian community organizations and other minority groups in Ontario.

We are distressed by the remarks attributed to Dr. R.W.B. Jackson, the Commissioner appointed to examine Declining Enrolment in our schools and the views projected in the Interim Report. His concerns about "Immigration to Canada from countries of uncontrolled fertility," "racial suicide" and the innuendo that women should stay at home and breed, are irrelevant to the terms of reference of the Commission. These remarks are not only blatantly racist, but prejuedicial to women of any colour. It ws also disturbing to note that the Legislative Enquiry following Dr. Jackson's comments did not act with either strength or responsibility to recommend his removal from this Commission.

Dr. Jackson has been quoted in the media as having chosen the wrong words; he has denied that he is a racist, and stated that his remarks were intended to be jocular. There are sources that have claimed that Dr. Jackson's brilliance borders on insanity, or that we should excuse his comments because of his advancing years and the like; if so, the authorities should perhaps consider seriously if they appointed the wrong man for such an important job. None of the above can restore the confidence of any right thinking person in the credibility of either Dr. Jackson or the continuing work of his Commission. To what extent Dr. Jackson, as an individual, is a racist is no longer the issue. In his position as a Commissioner dealing with the most important subject of Education, his comments are a matter of grave concern to all of us, regardless of our racial origins. His views on keeping women at home to provide bodies for classrooms, as well as his racial suicide comments later changed to national suicide, are as repugnant and outrageous as the Nazi doctrines.

We are aware that you have decided to retain Dr. Jackson to complete the report, but we need hardly remind you that a Commissioner who has lost his credibility and is certainly causing a loss of confidence in the government, is not going to get his findings acceptable to a majority of the population. The spirit of our dialogue with the Honourable William G. Davis, Premier of Ontario, and the booklet, "Forward Together", presented on April 20, 1978, are in conflict with your decision to keep a person of Dr. Jackson's view in such a responsible role.

The language and sentiments expressed in the Interim Report which further elaborate Dr. Jackson's concept of the racial composition of this country leave us no choice but to demand the immediate termination of his services.

We look forward to your response and would be willing to meet you on a mutually convenient date, should you so wish.

President
SOUTH ASIAN WORKING GROUP

Indo-Austrian relations

New Delhi, June 9 (UNI): External Affairs Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee has said that relations between India and Austria had been further strengthened as a result of his visit there.

In an interview to Delhi Doordarshan news, Mr. Vajpayee said, it was decided to intensify relations between the two countries at various levels. There would be a stream of high-level visitors from Austria to India, he said. Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and the foreign minister have accepted invitation to visit the country. The Director-General of the Austrian Foreign Ministry is to come for talks next year and the minister for trade, accompanied by a team of industrialists is also due to visit India.

No Afghan setback

New Delhi, June 9 (UNI): External Affairs Minister A.B. Vajpayee said today that the recent developments in Afghanistan need not cause a "setback" to the process of close economic cooperation and stability in the region.

Addressing a press conference on his return here from a two-day official visit to Iran, he said that there were apprehensions in the minds of some people that these changes in Afghanistan might lead to instability in the region. "These apprehensions are not correct," he said.

Indo-Egyptian group

New Delhi, Jun 13 (UNI): India will undertake a detailed study of a suitable area in the Nile Delta and another in upper Egypt for evolving a scheme for rural electrification.

This was decided at the first meeting of the Indo-Egyptian working group held in Cairo yesterday, according to an official report received here.

DESAI NOT SPARED INFLATED PHONE BILLS

New Delhi — The Prime Minister's house is reported to have received a telephone bill or Rs. 28,000. The Staggering amount is believed to have shocked even Moraji Desai. He has asked his office not to pay the bill till it is corrected.

It is reported that it is this bill that made the Prime Minister tell Communications Minister Brij Lal Verma, when he was replying to complaints about inflated bills

Sixty per cent for strike vote

New Delhi, June 12 (UNI): A strike in any industrial establishment should have the approval of at least 60 per cent of the workers participating in a secret ballot to be conducted by the Registrar of Trade Unions.

This stipulation is one of many contained in the new Industrial Relations Bill being considered by the Indian Government.

Participation of a majority of the workers of an industrial undertaking was also necessary to make the strike decision valid, says the recommendation.

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Gandhiji and Socialism

By (Thomas Pandial, M.A. Columbia University, New York)

Great men are known for their contributions to others; and their names become almost synonymous with their basic philosophies or inventions. The name Mahatma Gandhi is synonymous with nonviolence and India's struggle for freedom from alien rule. Nevertheless, little is known about Gandhiji's ideas on socialism; his views on socialism understandably run parallel to his political and social approach. As a socialist thinker, Gandhiji's views were in much contrast with those of other well-known socialists in India and elsewhere.

Socialism, to Gandhiji, was fundamentally a mode of personal conduct or a form of social service rather than a gospel meant to expropriate the wealthy or a programme for the socialization of the means of production. Under Mahatma Gandhi's form of socialism, the poor and the rich will be living in society, but they will be on the same level. "Socialism," he argued, "is a beautiful word and so far as I am aware, in socialism all the members of society are qual, none low, none high. Even as members of the individual body are equal, so are the members of the society." According to the apostle of ahimsa, socialism was service of the people. The highest virtues, to him, were belief in God and the pursuit of truth and nonviolence; therefore he asserted that the essence of socialism should be belief in God, truth and nonviolence.

Mahatma Gandhi was essentially a humanitarian socialist and not a "scientific" socialist in the true Marxian sense. By no means he was socialist who believed in the nationalization of the means of production, exchange and distribution, or even in the establishment of a centralized socialist state. On the other hand, the Indian leader advocated private ownership and decentralization in economic sphere. Gandhiji buttressed the idea of an autonomous self-governing society, built on the foundation of the village since he loved the villagers and even idealized them. He sought to introduce massive social changes not through the use of coercive power of the state, but through a change of heart of the individual. He worked to strengthen the power of the individual and stressed that it could grow only in a decentralized village based society.

Generally, socialists believe in industrialization and in a centralized state to fulfill the various commitments of socialist ideology. Industrialization, they argue, would raise the standard of living of the people and a socialist system would further ensure equitable distribution of wealth. But Gandhiji did not believe either in industrialization or in centralization of power. In fact, the mere raising of the standard of living through industrialization did not appear to him of a particularly overwhelming concern -- he believed in a simple life and in the limitation of human wants. The people could be freed not only from the tyranny of wants but from the power of the huge machines and from the firm grip of a bureaucratic, centralized state by leading a simple life and with limited wants.

EQUALITY

Gandhiji did not envision the establishment of a centralized state which would ensure work, wages and equality for all, but attempted to establish a village based society where people would rule themselves in autonomous village units. In such a village oriented society, centralization will be prevented and the system of values will be of a different nature. The individuals will also aspire for a simple life, and will find satisfaction in engaging in manual work. (Gandhiji stressed the idea of manual work in basic education which he advocated first at Durban and later at Johannesburg).

According to the Indian leader, an ideal system of production was one which not merely spurned industrialization, but which also emphasized the significance of manual work. He had learned from Ruskin that a lawyer's work had the same value as that of a barber. In June 1933, Gandhiji wrote in Harijan, "May not men earn their bread by intellectual labour? No, the needs of the body must be supplied by the body. Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's perhaps applies here as well." For Gandhiji the life of the tiller as well as the handicraftsman was the life worth living and he desired all men to turn themselves voluntarily into manual workers.

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He defined socialism as love for and identification with the poor and socialist endeavours meant service of the poor and not strictly an economic ideology. His socialism was based on the ideas of trusteeship, non-possession, non-violence and human dignity. Consequently, it had little or no appeal to the urban intelligentsia. In order to realize the objective of ideal society, Gandhiji did not rely on state power, but on the goodness of human beings. He argued: "I look upon an increase of the power of the State with the greatest fear because, although while apparently doing good by minimizing exploitation, it does the greatest harm to mankind by destroying individuality which lies at the root of all progress."

Social equality can be attained if all men work simply and engage in physical labour. If individuals become manual labourers, then the distinction between man and man will disappear and a truly egalitarian society could be established. This, according to Gandhiji, should be the goal of socialism -- that is, to break down the aristocracy of brain and the aristocracy of wealth. Gandhiji, like Tolstoy, wanted to break down the aristocracy of brain. The Indian leader firmly believed that the intelligentsia would not be in a position to appreciate the lot of manual workers unless physical labour was made the supreme source of wealth. "In any system," he pointed out, "it is the labour which is current coin, and not metal. Any person who uses his labour has that coin, his wealth." Gandhiji believed that the "law of bread" was the first moral law of life.

According to this law, every man should earn his bread by the sweat of his brow in some labour connected with agriculture or any other allied industries. For, it was the physical labour alone which could help to keep the mind under control and enable an individual to maintain a balanced outlook toward society. The ideal society envisaged by Gandhiji was not one where a centralized, socialized state ensured adequate wages or a satisfactory standard of life for all, but a society where each individual found fulfilment in engaging in manual work in autonomous village societies.

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He would have permitted gifted persons to earn more than others, if their skill was likely to be stifled. Nevertheless, the bulk of earnings of these people should be channelled for the welfare of the entire society in the same manner "the income of all earning sons of the father goes to the common family fund," as Gandhiji says. In February 1942, he wrote again in Harijan "The most effective mantram to enjoy wealth is by renouncing. Earn money by all means. But understand that your wealth is not yours...take what you require for legitimate needs, and use the taminder for society." Although Gandhiji believed in the doctrine of trusteeship, he came to the conclusion that the poor would, in any case, attain their rights. The just rights of the poor people, he hoped, would be secured through non-violent means though, on occasion, he believed that violence may be used for that objective. "I see the coming of the rule of the poor, whether that may be through force of arms or of non-violence."

Many Indian socialists and communists derided the Gandhian notion of trusteeship asserting that it would be futile to expect that the rich would give up their wealth and that equality would be attained only through the coercive power of the state. But Gandhiji did not want so much to alter institutions as to change individuals. It may be noted that he had unlimited faith in the perfectability of human beings, but had little faith in the perfectability of institutions. "Socialism and communism in the west," he said, "are based on certain conceptions which are fundamentally different from ours. One such conception is the belief in the essential selfishness of human nature." Gandhiji did not believe that capitalists were essentially selfish. He said: "In the application of the method of non-violence, one must believe in the possibility of every person, however, depraved, being reformed under humane and skilled treatement."

TRUSTEES

Gandhiji argued that both the landlords and capitalists must consider themselves, as the Japanese nobles did, as trustees holding their wealth for the benefit of their wards, the peasants and workers. He urged the trustees to take no more than a reasonable amount of profit for their labour. He was fully aware that in India there was a great disproportion between the pomp and extravagance of the wealthy class and the economic standards of the masses.

Gandhiji's faith in the idea of trusteeship has had its origins in his disbelief in the state and in his distrust of the centralization of power. It was this Gandhian distrust of the state which was later embraced by some Indian political parties, such as the Swatantra Party, which warned people against the acquisition of massive economic powers by the state.

He wanted the princes and the members of the wealthy class to give up their wealth and to become trustees. In some of his later writings, however, he expressed his disillusionment with the princes and argued that because there was no adequate response from the princely class, he had thought of mobilizing the masses. Yet, Gandhiji did not advocate the idea of state ownership of the means of production and distribution. Any such concept would have been contrary to his idea of socialism which was rooted in belief in God and non-violence.

A dance drama from India

By Francis Assisi

Connoisseurs of Indian dance know that the Kakshagana is to Karnataka, what Kathakali is to Kerala, Kuchipudi to Andhra, or the Bhagavata Mela to Tamil Nadu. These are the foremost and finest remnants of India's folk art forms. Yakshagana is a dance-drama that is indigenous to South Kanara, specifically aorund the area of Udipi in Karnataka State. It evolved to its present form during the early 16th century.

The traditional Yakshagana is an open air all-night affair organized by a patron who has been obliged by the deity. The performers wear masks, flounced skirts, intricate huge headgear, and elaborate make-up, somewhat reminescent of Kathakali. In the glow of the earthen lamps, the gods and godesses, the demons and demonesses descend upon the earth. Yakshagana simply means 'songs of the demi-gods'.

The themes for Yakshagana performances are drawn from the epics. From Mahabharatha, the themes adapted are 'Draupadi Swayamvare' (Draupadi chooses her husband), Draupadi Pratapa (Draupadi's Valour), Abhimanyu Kalaga (Abhimanyu's battle), Karnarjuna Kalaga, Bhisma Vijaya, Devayani Kalyana, Subhadra Kalyana and Kichake Vadhe. From Ramayana the dramas adopted are Rama Pattabhisekha (Coronation of Rama), Pancavati Valisugriva Kalaga (life of Rama and Sita in the forest and battle between Vali and Sugriva), Lavakusha Kalaga and Ramanjenaya Kalaga. And from the Bhagavata Purana; Sri Krishna Vivaha, Parijatha, Candravali, Rukmini Swayamvara, Rati Kalyana and Prahlade Charitre. The overwhelming concern of this repertoire is with romance and battles, the very stuff of life and of living. It suggests that the predominant rasas are heroic and erotic.

Yakshagana is a dance form that attracts people from all strata of society. Children are delighted by the raucous buffoonery and are captivated by the lavish use of color, costume, and make-up. When demons appear on the stage, they may be temporarily paralysed by fear. The risque jokes, folk songs of clowns and battle scenes appeal to the simple village folk. And for the true rasika or aesthete, there is delight in the finer points, the intricacy of the dance itself; the embellishments of footwork, the ragas in Yakshagana style, the traditional costumes, the beauty of the language and poetry, the improvised dialogue. It is a dramatic form with something in it for everyone, and every taste.

The life-blood of Yakshagana has been its patrons simple village folk. Never was it associated with royal patronage. It belongs to the villages, to the soul and soil of the peasants. It depicts the endless panorama of mankind, holding a mirror to its strengths, its weaknesses. It depicts the wisdom of wise old kings like Dasaratha and Dritarashtra, the illicit lust of Kichaka, the vain boast of Jarasandha, the hot temper of Parasurama, the gentle Rama, the much-feared Veerabhadra, the fearless warrior queen Pramila and the ever-loyal Hanuman. There are heroes like Arjuna, Bhima, Bhishma, and Kanna; villains like Duryodhana, Rukma and Ravana; the scheming demoness Surpanakhi, the beauteous and delicate Sita and Draupadi; and the mischievous Gandharvas. We have a kaleidoscope of characters to entertain and educate us. India may be a secular state, but its backbone, its moral fibre, its art and literature, is woven with the fabric of Hindu Mythology. It is the religion, the myths derived from it, that live within the soul of all dramatic forms as it is with Yakshagana.

Yakshagana imposes a physically arduous and intensely demanding role for the performer. The artists are paid poorly. The season usually lasts in India from December to May. Each troupe consists of a minimum of 5 musicians, 15 actor dancers, and 12 staff members. There is no scenery or stage props. One simply has to let one's imagination run riot. Clearly, it is not the type of fare that an indiscriminate television addict would relish. Writes Ashton in her book 'Yakshagana': 'with inexpensive light-weight materials, and incorporating natural or simple man-made products, Yakshagana artists create convincing effects with marked dramatic intensity, the equal of any of the worlds most advanced theatre arts'.

According to Ashton the characteristics of Yakshagana dance lies in the angular display of the body, side to side movement of the head, eyes following movement of hands, shifting of body weight from side to side, the high pitched voice of the singer (bhagavata), the coordination of foot movements with various drum rhythms, the whirling steps of the masculine dancers and the dainty graceful steps of the female characters. Ashton concludes that 'it is in the sensual response of the audience to this movement, the beat of the drums and the pervading and persistent rhythm of the dancers ankle bells wherein lies the essence of the dance'.

Most of the Yakshagana troupes are attached to temples in Karnataka. At last count there were nine such troupes. Though they are affiliated to a temple their performance takes them to the remotest villages. A landlord or wealthy businessman generally sponsors the performance and it is held free for the villagers. That was the traditional method. Nowadays Yakshagana troupes perform in tents and an admission charge is levied from the audience. Some Yakshagana troupes have existed for seven generations since 1650.

It is believed by the people of Karnataka that the actors on the stage in Yakshagana are no longer men simulating a divine or diabolic entity; they are the very thing itself. Acting is no adequate term for their embodied acts and passions. Everytime a performance is held, the fabled heroes demons and devas come to life.

Acting in the true sense of the term as it is understood in classical India is not mere impersonation, however clever or illusionistic the effect. The actor can be compared to a yogi, meaning thereby that he is one who treads the path of Yoga (union) whereby the subject and the object, the worshipper and the worshipped, the actor and the acted become one. The actor is an initiate; he has to conduct himself as a wholesome and adequate vehicle to portray the lila or sport of the gods. He has been disciplined from childhood under the rigorous tutorship of a guru. He does not forget that his is a sacred calling. From the moment he enters the green room until he washes off the paint he conducts himself as a devotee in a shrine.

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THE BANKS

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The report has cited examples in the appointments of the Governor of the Reserve Bank, the Chairman of the State Bank of India and the Chairman of the Punjab National Bank. It has also drawn adverse conclusions in regard to the overdraft allowed to the Associated Journals (which runs the National Herald founded by Jawaharlal Nehru) and the concession granted in favour of Maruti Limited (Mr. Sanjay Gandhi's small car project.)

THE AIRLINES

The Commission has also been critical of the manner in which the Air India and the Indian Airlines Corporations were reconstituted and the appointment of the Chairman of the International Airport Authority.

In all these cases the Ministers and officials were overruled and practically compelled to fall in line with the suggestions made by the then Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

Communal colour given

By Our Correspondent

New Delhi: Among a number of adverse findings on the firing that took place at the predominantly muslim-dominated Turkman Gate in Delhi, the Shah Commission has found that an official communique following the incident sought to give a communal colour which was totally unjustified and unwarranted.

"What was evidently a gross failure on the part of the Administration was sought to be covered and camouflaged by giving it a communal over-tone, to justify for which there is not an iota of evidence," the report said.

The Commission had collected clear evidence to show that the firing was precipitated because of the demolition operation and the family planning program in the area "might have contributed to building up tensions." The demolition throughout day and night with the help of flood-lights went beyond their original scope. The area to be demolished was uncertain and its scope was being widened day by day.

Pointing out the discrepancies in the list of the injured in the firing in the Police and the Medical records, the Commission has drawn the conclusion that more persons were injured. It did not rule out the possibility that these contradictions might be due to a deliberate attempt at withholding information. The number of casualities could have been kept down if only the authorities had gone about their job with a little more restraint.

The Commission has also found that the punitive and almost vindictive attitude of the authorities to the people is substantiated by the fact that curfew remained in operation in the area for a time much longer than was absolutley necessary. This longer extension of the curfew was, according to the officers, with a view to teaching the people a lesson.

The important documents regarding the arms and ammunitions issued, the number of armed police deployed etc. contained no relevant details and as such there was a deliberate attempt to coverup the entire course of events resulting in firing and deaths on the day.

The Commission expressed surprise as to why inquiries were not continued on complaints about the alleged molestation of women and the looting of properties.

The Commission has come to the conclusion that Mr. Sanjay Gandhi had a hand in pressurising the magistrates to sign the orders for police firing. These orders were got signed at the instance of Mr. Gandhi because the DIG wanted it to be antidated. It has rejected the DIG's evidence in this reagrd and has held that on the relevant day and on the relevant time the DIG went to the Prime Minister's house as evident from the log book, which in the opinion of the Commission was to seek the intervention of Mr. Gandhi.

The Commission has held that this was another instance of improper and unwarranted interference on the part of Mr. Gadhi.

Acrimonious debate on prohibition

Two leading Janata Party members, Ram Jethmalani and Piloo Mody have recently engaged in a public debate with Prime Minister Morarji Desai over the prohibition issue. Mody wants the "right to drink", as distinct from actual drinking, to be given to the citizen.

The Prime Minister, of course, continues to believe firmly that a policy of State-enforced total prohibition will be beneficial, particularly to the poor. He has reiterated his views in his usual forthright manner in a recent reply to the former Union Cabinet Secretary, S.S. Khera, who had pointed out the difficulties in implementing such a policy.

It has been pointed out to that Morarji Desai, so far in vain, a belief in the evils of excessive drinking is not the same thing as a conviction in the State's ability to enforce it effectively and without infringing the individual's freedom to choose or his right to privacy, or without making a corrupt shambles of any enforcement machinery entrusted with the task.

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Desai has also been told that these are lessons which the wise politician and experienced administrator should learn not so much from the failure of the US experiment but, in fact, from the prohibition can easily be enforced in a religious and traditional country like India was an excusable bit of naivete, no different from the puritanical but equally naive belief of American colonists.

Prohibition of addictive and injurious drinks — or rather a strict and even State-sponosred policy of moderation and temperance — might well be desirable goals for a developing country and a burgeoning industrial democracy like India to adopt. But can it be regarded as deserving top priority, given the other matters now crying out for the country's and the Government's pressing attention?

NATIONAL SURVEY

A survey conducted by an Indian news agency has thrown up interesting facts.

It shows that in Delhi itself liquor consumption has been on the increase in recent years, particularly among youngsters.

Delhi has the largest number of dry days in the country — 158 in a year. The timings and the number of liquor shops have also been reduced. Despite all these efforts by the administration, the sale of liquor has been more this year compared to last year's.

A majority of the States have little to show in translating into action the Centre's directive to introduce countrywide prohibition by 1982.

While some States are going ahead with implementing the Central directives, others are reluctant to do so mainly on the ground that it will deprive them of a large chunk of excise revenue.

Uttar Pradesh lost no time in making an additional seven districts totally dry from April 1, but the relevant notifications were struck down by the Allahabad High Court as violating of Article 14 of the Constitution.

One of the ardent votexies of prohibition is Rajasthan which, unmindful of the annual loss of Rs. 300 million, wants to make the State dry ahead of the four-year deadline.

Gujarat was the first State to go dry as early as 1948. Tamil Nadu is another State where prohibition is in force. The Union Territory of Delhi has earned the distinction of introducing the highest number of dry days — 158 a year.

Punjab has decided to phase out prohibition in the next four years although it will make a dent of Rs. 620 million in its annual revenue.

Kashmir Chief Minister Sheikh Adbullah supports prohibition. The State will fall in the line with the rest of the country in the matter of prohibition although no step has been taken so far to make any part of the State dry.

On the other extreme, Maharashtra has yet to make a beginning. So far it has done nothing in the direction of prohibition. And quite understandably so, as 35,000 persons are employed in the liquor trade — vends, distilleries and breweries - in the State which earns Rs. 400 million from excise revenue annually.

Maharashtra's annaul drink bill is Rs. 1600 million. More than 100,000 bottles of bear are sold daily in Greater Bombay. Equally reluctant is West Bengal and for the same reasons as Maharashtra because according to a rough estimate prohibition will render 35,000 to 40,000 people jobless.

While Meghalaya has yet to decide whether prohibition should be enforced in the traditionally wet State, neighbouring Assam has accepted it in principle.

The Southern State of Kerala has taken no decision on the issue. Chief Minister A.K. Antony told newsmen recently. He said the State would be minus Rs. 400 million a year if total prohibition was introduced.

Andhra's Excise Minister P. Gang Reddi said in Hyderabad the other day that his State was opposed to the four-year deadline.

India investments abroad

New Delhi — The Lok Sabha passed a Bill empowering the Reserve Bank to invest India's foreign exchange reserves abroad in various new ways to earn better returns than at present.

Replying to the brief debate on the Bill Finance Minister H.M. Patel said this Bill was "a straight-forward proposition and there is nothing sinister about it."

He said India's exchange reserves had increased sizably and also new opportunities were available for investment.

The Bill, which amends the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, enables RBI, among other things to open gold accounts abroad, invest in foreign securities and invest in the shares and securities

The Philippines is one of eight countries issuing commemorative stamps in honor of CAPEX '78, the $50 million international stamp show to be held in Toronto.

The Canadian International Philatelic Exhibition, the second such show ever held in Canada, will also be honored with stamps issued by Canada, Cuba, Guernsey, Hungary, Isle of Man, Jersey, USA and Western Samoa. These stamps will be on sale at CAPEX '78.

More than 30 countries will participate in the competitive and non-competitive classes of CAPEX '78 in the Automotive Building of Toronto's Canadian National Exhibition, June 9-18.

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FILMS

OKA OORIE KATHA [Telugu]

Directed by Mrinal Sen

Based on the Premchand story, **Kafan**, this is Mrinal Sen's latest film, his first in Telugu. Indian political cinema is itself an endangered specie and though **Oka Oorie Katha** Sen contributes significantly to its richness. A 'committed' film-maker, he has always chosen stories and scripts where exploitation is the dominant theme and class conflict an inherent element.

In **Oka Oorie Katha**, he explores some of the socio-economic eddies of class conflict without losing sight of the mainstream. How the system of exploitation turns people into destitutes and more of the same system makes parasites of them. The deprived of the capitalist order acquire a certain inertia which degenerates into worse characteristics. The forcefully complete characters and absorbing narration make the film by far the most significant of all Sen's political films, right from **Interview** through **Calcutta 71**, **Chorus** and **Mrigayaa**. It is more impressive than these in directorial treatment and cinematic expression. The narrative is linear but it is best of this year's award-winning lot at the national film festival. Had Mrinal Sen made the film in Hindi, he would probably have bagged the best feature film award, which, incidentally, went to **Ghatashraddha** (directed by Girish Kasaravalli). Sen's creation has definitely more aesthetic merit than the latter. It is also superior to the historical curio, **Shatranj Ke Khilari** made by Satyajit Ray this year in Hindi. K.K. Mahajan's camera work is fluid but the colour imparts a gloss that does not quite square with the film's thematic concerns.

Mrinal Sen is known for devising his own grammar for his films (some call it gimmicks), but, happily, **Oka Oorie Katha** is devoid of the Mrinalian montage except when the last sequence is repeated three or four times, may be to make it sink in audience memory.

Vasudev Rao's Venkaiah, the parasitic villager, habitual shunner of work and hater of honest living, gives a splendidly punchy performance yet he lacks the elemental force he possessed as Chorna he landless Harijan in **Chomana Dudi**. Anger and melancholy are writ large on his face. Mamata Shankar, who staged her screen debut as a tribal belle in **Mrigaaya**, is innocence personified as Venkaiah's daughter-in-law, a girl absorbed in daily drudgery necessary to support the two males, her husband and her father-in-law. Even in her death, she comes to their rescue: the money they collect begging for her cremation is spent finally on toddy.

Mrinal Sen is remarkably adroit in maintaining a rhythmic momentum. **Oka Oori Katha** is not a stylistic fantasy like **Chorus** and not as ultra-realistic as **Interview** and **Calcutta 71**, yet its realism is over-powering. Ideologically it identifies itself with their genre. It has been adjudged the best Telugu feature film of 1977, deservedly.

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TUMHARI KASAM
Directed by Ravi Chopra

Coincidence is the hallmark of a commercial Indian film, and **Tumhari Kasam** abounds in it. The familiar twists and turns in the plot are given a spit and shine treatment. The hero sets out as a villain — drinking bouts and attempt at rape of wife but the maid-servant — to be reformed at the end. Moushami Chatterji has flowered into a woman but speaks like a child ; which is rather odd. Padmini Kapila in a secondary role does not show much of an acting potential: remember she started out as a leading lady. Jeetendra and Navin Nishchal pace through their roles as clumsily as usual. Master Raju is fast becoming an accomplished moppet artist with his every role. Rajesh Roshan leans heavily on his stock tunes in **Julie** and others films.

MOVING ?
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India for bridges of friendship

New Delhi, June 12 (UNI): External affairs minister A.B. Vajpayee said today that in making bold diplomatic initiatives India had extended its hand of friendship to those with whom it had differences in the past and granted accommodation to improve the climate with its immediate neighbours.

Speaking at a banquet in his honour by the foreign minister of Austria in Vienna tonight, Mr. Vajpayee said these efforts to build bridges of friendship with all countries on the basis of trust, equality and mutual benefit, "are an integral part" of the Janta government's quest for and commitment to the goals of promoting international peace, stability and mutually beneficial cooperation.

Benz sold for 9 lakhs

New Delhi - An automobile dealer from Bombay purchased a yellow 1977 model Mercedez Benz at a Government auction and paid Rs. 900,000 for it.

The auction was being held by the State Trading Corporation. This is the highest price ever paid for a Mercedez. Last year a Mercedez was bought for Rs. 600,000.

Importers of foreign cars including diplomats are forbidden from selling their cars in the market. The cars must be sold to the State Trading Corporation, which periodically auctions them.

Indian dance drama

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The belief that the gods are present to witness the performances and are pleased with the exhibition of their deeds, is fostered. The Great Host is present in the open-air theatre. It becomes a Devasadas. Where so intimate and living a bond as this exists, art is sacred and thrives on a plane far removed from that of the secular arts.

There is a deeper message that Yakshagana brings to artists in the West. 'Perhaps' says J.D. Mitchell of the Institute for Advanced Study in Theatre Arts, 'exponents of Asian theatre may be able to guide us in the West to a return to the discipline of theatre art, a respect for craft, and to the roots of our own drama, so that we too may reincorporate into the drama of the West the elements of dance, poetry and music'.

Lal against airline merger

New Delhi - The joint chairman of Air-India and Indian Airlines Air Chief Marshal P.C. Lal (retired) does not favour a merger of the two airlines. Addressing his first news conference after assuming his new office, Lal said it had taken 25 years to smoothen out the wrinkles left by the merger of eight airlines in the 1950s to form Indian Airlines. He thought it would take about ten years to get Indian Airlines and Air-India merged together and even then he was not sure the result would be an improvement on the existing setup.

One reason why he disfavoured merger was that the two airlines were performing different tasks, and providng different kinds of services. Indian Airlines' job is to provide a no-frills, utilitar an air service, while Air-India operates in a highly competitive environment whose needs are more sophisticated and demanding.

Lal spoke of a possibility of an intercharge of routes between the two airlines. The chartered Indian Airlines airbuses would operate six flights a week later this year to the Gulf against two a week being operated at present.

Asked about prohibition Lal said Air-India would continue to serve liquor on its international flights till such time as the whole country took to full prohibition. When this happens Air-India too would go dry.

The chairman was hard put to it justifying the proposed fare increase on internal flights announced by the IA managing director, M.C. Sarin, at Bombay a few days ago.

What was the provocation for the proposed increase Mr. Lal was asked. "Price increases all around," he replied. But he added that the fare increase was only being considered and Indian Airlines had not yet sent any recommendations to the Government. "Fares are not sacred they have been changed before and will be changed again," he remarked. He said the fares were low as compared with rising costs of operation. The cost of aircraft, spares, maintenance, fuel and staff wages were constantly increasing. When asked why a fare increase was necessary especially when IA was making profits and ordering new planes which would increase its profitability even further, the chairman said "we have reached the limits of increased profitability."

Guyanese pandit makes history

By Sukhram Ramkissoon

Pandi Chidanand Sharma, 33, born at Nonpariel Estate in Guyana, South America, has made a courageous journey across time and two continents to promote Hinduism and to ensure the continuation of the Hindu Cultural Heritage - Sanatan Dharma.

Panditji comes from a long line of Hindu priests - his father and grandfather before him were both pandits, and knowledgeable expounders of the Holy Ramayan and the Bhagavad Gita.

In Guyana, his place of birth, Pandit Sharma commanded tremendous respect and had a large following.

He was often heard on radio programmes promoting Hindu Culture under the auspices of the Guyana Sanatan Dharma Maha Sabha as well a sthe Guyana Pandit's Council.

Pandit Chidanand Sharma came to Canada about three years ago and in a comparatively short time has made his mark in no uncertain manner.

He is a melodious singer and an accomplished musician and has already made two long-playing records - Tulsidas Ramayan Chants and Bhakti Keertan.

In these recordings, his sweet soothing chants from the Holy Ramayan can only be described as having the effect of nirvana on all who listen to them.

He has also produced and directed, during 1977, a series of television programs entitled, "The Voice of Hinduism", which was the first of its kind in North America.

Panditji, with his super abundance of energy, finds time to teach Hindi to classes organized by the Scarborough Borad of Education and he is also a licensed marriage officer for the Province of Ontario.

Pandit Chidanand Sharma's greatest achievement, however, is the founding of the Canadian Vedic Sabha of which he is spiritual leader.

Panditji has established himself as a competent and dedicated Hindu priest and through his tremendous driving force the Canadian Vedic Sabha has become a most viable Hindu orgnization, intricately involved with the fostering of the cultural heritage of the Hindu Community in Toronto.

Pandit has a charisma of his own and has a large following which can be witnessed from he packed auditorium where he preaches on Sundays, at the L'Amoreaux Collegiate Institute.

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Pandit Sharma, founder and leader of the Canadian Vedic Sabha, a very popular and recognized Hindu organization in Canada, is perhaps the most lovable and respected Hindu priest from the West Indies to place his blessed feet on Canadian soil.

Hindus and other persons interested in attending religious services may phone 266-4730 for information.

[Contrast]

Yakshagana troupe to tour U.S. and Canada

From late March to April of 1979, The Performing Arts Program of the Asia Society will sponsor a Yakshagana troupe tour of the United States and Canada. The troupe is scheduled to perform in the West Coast from approximately April 10th through the 30th. They are looking for sponsors in the Bay Area. Anyone, interested, should contact Dr. Martha Ashton at 2325 Channing Way, #43, Berkeley, Cal-94704. Telephone 415-548-4940 or 415-843-8501.

Matha Ashton is the senior author of a classic treatise on Yakshagana. She currently teaches Yakshagana at the Asian Traditions, Balasaraswati School at Berkeley and describes herself as a 'student performer' of this unique dance drama.

The Yakshagana troupe is currently booked for the 1979 tour at Carnegie Hall, The Smithsonian Institute, and U.C. Santa Barbara among others.

Dr. Ashton will be going to India in January of 1979 to advise the artists, prepare them for the trip and accompany them on their tour.

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Indian medicos top U.S. programs

India again topped the list of foreign countries contributing the greatest number of medical graduates to approved training programs in the U.S.A. for 1977. The Annual Report on Graduate Medical Education in the U.S. ranked India with 4009 trainees (25 per cent) on top of the list followed by Phillipines 12 per cent, South Korea 6 per cent, Mexico 5 per cent, Iran 4 per cent, Formosa 3 per cent and Pakistan 3 per cent.

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Two Asian societies merge

By a Special Correspondent

The Canadian Society of Asian Studies' (CSAS) tenth Annual Conference at the University of Guelph in the last week of May had several important highlights - apart from the usual panels on various subjects related to South, South East and East Asia.

In the first place, the general body meeting approved the 'merger' of the two organizations active in this field, namely the C.S.A.S. itself and the Canadian Association of South Asian Studies a move already approved in a referendum. The latter association was formed by members who felt that South Asia was not getting enough 'discussion space' and attention in a large society. Both the organizations now feel ripe for working together. They will keep their separate identities in a federal set up for a period and then become one. In the same conference, the affiliation of the newly formed Canadian Association of Sanskrit and Related Studies was discussed by the Executive Committee. The Sanskrit Association was represented by a team led by Professor Subramaniam.

A second highlight was the special open session on the teaching of Asia in Canadian schools. Several members discussed their experiences and made suggestions for improving the situation. The President of the C.S.A.S., Professor K.C. Tan has been organizing regional committees. In Ottawa, Professor V. Subramaniam is the Convenor of the local committee.

A third highlight was the presence and participation of three distinguished visitors, Professors Chang, Wertheim and Maheshwari; Chang gave a public lecture on recent advances in Chinese archaeology; Wertheim and Maheshwari spoke respectively on China's success in rural reconstruction and India's failures in administrative reform.

A fourth highlight was the cultural fare offered - quite apart from films. There was a Japanese variety entertainment following the annual banquet with its own rich variety of costumes and several stringed instruments. The other item was a full scale dance drama in Sanskrit, Ambapali composed in classical music by Professor Subramaniam. The theme is the story of the famous courtezan of Vaisali who is proud of her beauty and culture, challenges Buddha to a debate successfully but is finally converted by him. Sudha Sekhar projected the psychological changes of Ambapali from a voluptuary to a doubt ridden woman to a peaceful follower of the Merciful one with great skill and charm using mainly the Bharatanatyam idiom with occasional borrowings from Kuchipudi. Sudha's students acting as her admiring friends did their part superbly; the angry aggressive Amba preparing to meet Buddha in debate was an exhibition of virtuosity and imagination and the converted Amba dancing the glory of the Great one was an equally magnificent interpretation of the tough and many splendoured Varnam composition of Professor Subramaniam. The accompaniments and Nattervangam were brisk and harmonious and Prakash Doraiswamy kept the whole orchestra under firm control. A special tribute is due to Mallika Mahadevan for a high level of singing for dance - not so frequent even in the best dance circles of India.

No passive pussycats

By Cassie Rao
Times Staff Writer

The East Indian people are no longer willing to accept the image of being "passive little pussycats" said a member of the South Asian Community, who called The Times last week.

He identified himself to this reporter but said it was necessary to be anonymous in a press report for fear of racial recriminations. He went on to say there is a widespread mood of "buoyancy and militancy" in the South Asian community.

The Mississauga member of the Peel Association for Community Relations, who has worked with Inspector James Harding on race committees, was one of the people responsible for prompting mayor Ron Searle to set up the Mississauga task force on human relations.

The insurance claims adjuster says other East Indian people who have spoken out have had bricks thrown at their windows and threatening telephone calls.

He says that through attending numerous multicultural meetings he gets the feelings the East Indian people are eager to shatter the sweet "nice guy" image by individual aggressiveness.

Some of the East Indian peoples are so fed up with the racial taunts that they are taking karate and judo lessons and sending their children as well so that they can protect themselves, he says.

The former resident of England (now a Canadian citizen) says Indian people abhor violence, but mothers are beginning to tell their children, "Don't cause any fights, but if anyone provokes you — knock the hell out of them." North America was founded on blood and violence and you have to be a tough guy "like the blacks" to be respected, he says.

"There is something wrong when your little girl comes home from school and asks if her face is dirty because "kids keep calling me a dirty Paki", he says. "There is something wrong when kids point at Pakistani children as though they were museum pieces and there is something wrong when an eight-year-old child walks up to a grown man and says, "Hey, Paki."

They do it because they believe that somehow it's alright to abuse us, he says. 'Last week I was so angry when that happened to me that I got out of my car and retaliated with a racial obscenity myself," he admitted. "It was a terrible thing for an educated man to say to a child, but someday I am going to get violent," he said.

One Etobicoke man whose son had been continually brutalized took karate lessons and six months later landed three white guys in the hospital, he said.

The problem gets worse in the summer.

Those of us who work in better jobs work with decent Canadians and it helps to counterbalance the attitudes of the man on the street who knows you only as Paki, he says. However those who work in lower level jobs are also subject to abuse at work and have no positive reinforcement. They are desperate, he says.

Two of his relatives who worked in factories recently had to quit their jobs because of threats and being shoved around, he says.

The answer, he believes, is to dispel the passive image and encourage the South Asian community to vote (most can vote in municipal elections even if they're not Canadian citizens) and rally some political clout. East Indian people should also be seen in more positive areas, such as community fund-raising for hospitals, he says.

"I hope and pray the individualized determination to dispel the passive image doesn't become an organized militant thing" he says.

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DEATHS

Maharaja

Indore — Former Maharaja Tukojirao Holkar III of the Holkar state now a part of Madhya Pradesh died here after protracted illness. He was 88.

The former maharaja, who abdicated in 1926 following political pressures had been bedridden for several years.

He is survived by his American wife, Mrs. Sharmishta Devi, and four daughters.

Mahakavi

Trivandrum — Mahakavi P. Kunhiraman Nair, popularly known as "Bhakta Kavi," died here. He was 72.

Nair's "Thamara Thoni" (Lotus Boat) won him the National Sahitya Akademi Award in 1968. His first piece in verse was published when he was only 14. Since then over 50 collections of his poems have been published, several of them various award winners.

Former MP

Madras - Mrs. Ammu Swaminathan, 84, former MP and noted social worker, died here June 4.

She is survived by two sons and two daughters, one of her sons is Govind Swaminathan, former Advocate-General of Tamil Nadu. Her daughters are Mrs. Mrinalini Sarabai, famous dancer, and Capt. Lakshmi of the INA.

Mrs. Swaminathan was also a member of the Central Assembly and the Constituent Assembly.

Biren Mitra

Cuttack — Biren Mitra, former Chief Minister of Orissa, died at the SCB Medical College Hospital here May 25, after a protracted illness. He was 61.

Mr. Mitra became chief minister of Orissa 18 years ago when Biju Patnaik had to go out following the Kamraj plan.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

Goheen meets Desai

New Delhi, June 12 (UNI): United States Ambassador Robert Goheen met Prime Minister Morarji Desai this evening and discussed with him the schedule of his forthcoming visit to the United States.

Dr. Goheen was with the prime minister for half an hour. Foreign Secretary Jagat Mehta was also present. Dr. Goheen later left for Washington to prepare for Mr. Desai's visit.

Earlier in the day Dr. Goheen called on former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi at her residence and was with her for 25 minutes.

He had expressed a desire to meet Mrs. Gandhi before going to the United States.

Dr. Goheen told UNI later that he discussed with Mrs. Gandhi India's foreign policy questions and the domestic political developments.

"Third eye" born in California

[India News & Features Overseas I.N.F.O.]

For six years, Ashish Khan, the oldest son of Ustad Ali Akbar Khan has been diligently working towards a harmonious synthesis of Indian Music with another form of Western Music, particularly Jazz. The idea received fresh impetus from long association with such diverse musicians as George Harrison, Eric Clapton, and John Barham. However, there were some apparent failures during this long period of gestation. First there was an album on Capitol Records that never saw the light of day. When commercial interests take precedence over artistic merit, the result is a foregone conclusion. Then there was Shanti a group which included Ashish Khan, Pranesh Khan his younger brother, Zakir Hussain, lead guitarist Neil Seidel and bassist Steve Leach which was dissolved because of financial problems and bad management.

Last month 'The Third Eye' an ensemble of four Jazz musicians with Ashish and Pranesh Khan on Sarod and Tubla made their debut in San Jose, California. Raga, Jazz style, has been attempted by musicians of repute and disrepute both in India and Abroad during the 60's and 70's. Those with a modicum of mediocre musical talents have been riding this wave in California and elsewhere. While some have soared beyond this milieu of mediocrity, others have been simply seeking a prop for their sagging creativity.

But for the Khan brothers, musical innovation is very much a part of the family's rich musical heritage.

As early as 1910 Ashish Khan's grandfather Allauddin Khan, created the 'Maihar Band' in Bengal with the help of orphans, flower sellers, pan sellers, and farm hands. Allauddin's genius bridged many novel styles and techniques of India's music, thereby enriching Hindustani Classical music in a variety of ways.

The Indo-American writer Ved Mehta quotes Allauddin Khan as saying "My last wish is that my school and my band should survive as long as there are stars in the sky."

During the sixties, Ali Akbar Khan arrived in California and started a music college in San Rafael. He also introduced the 'New Maihar Band' consisting of his American students. The tenth anniversary of the Ali Akbar College of Music is to be celebrated on June 24th with a great deal of fanfare in San Rafael.

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Indians safe in Malagasy

New Delhi, June 13 (UNI): All the people of Indian origin and the embassy staff and their family members are safe in Malagasy where rioting and looting took place recently, according to an official message received here.

Some property of Indians there has been destroyed as miscreants attakced Indian shops also during the student demonstration against the government. It was not an anti-Indian manifestation.

Indian ambassador Alfred H.W. Vaz has in a message said the government of Malagasy was doing everything possible to ensure the safety of the people of Indian origin. There are about 15,000 Indians in Malagasy.

Tagore works to be reprinted

New Delhi, June 9 (UNI): The West Bengal Government has decided to make available to the people the entire works of Tagore at a low price, according to official sources.

The Government will reprint Rabindra Rachanabali in fifteen volumes. These were expected to come out of the press by the end of the year. The price of the complete works will be Rs. 225 at the rate of Rs. fifteen per volume.

In 1961 during the Tagore centenary year the then government started publishing his entire works in fifteen volumes and they were sold at Rs. 75.

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Those of us who work in better jobs work with decent Canadians and it helps to counteract/balance the attitudes of the man on the street who knows you only as Paki, he says. However those who work in lower level jobs are also subject to abuse at work and have no positive reinforcement. They are desperate, he says.

Two of his relatives who worked in factories recently had to quit their jobs because of threats and being shoved around, he says.

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Smith blasts racists

By Dr. Stuart Smith

From the Debate on the Report of the Ontario Human Rights Commission, Ontario Legislature, Thursday, May 4th, 1978

Racism in our society exists. I am not one to say that things are worse now than they were before because they are not worse now than they were before. They are better than they were before, and I say so freely. But I tell you it's disappointing, Mr. Speaker, to hear the same stupid jokes that were made about people of my religious persuasion made, almost without even changing the wording, about people from southeast Asia who are all termed "Pakis" by some of these bigoted individuals. They are the same jokes. Thirty years have passed — I shall be 40 years old in a couple of days — and yet the same jokes and the same stupid attitudes remain. The same fear is struck into young people on their way home from school and struck into mothers coming home from shopping centres by bullies of various types, repeating what they think is the atmosphere which their fathers and mothers created in their own homes with their own foolish jokes and prejudices in many instances, taking out their frustrations on some group as a scapegoat.

When Walter Pitman prepared a superb report on the state of racism and what needs to be done about it, when that man devoted a tremendous effort, a human effort of gigantic proportions, to prepare an excellent report on racism and some of the remedies which are required, we had this very government sponsor an Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and put out a refutation to the Pitman report which is shameful.

It was a shameful report, referring to various languages as esoteric and coming up with comments on the Pitman findings. One of the comments was a fairly sensitive one. Let me say that it is. On organized racism, this other report says, quoting first from the Pitman report: "The link between 'ethnic jokes and citizens prepared to act out their aggressions by beating up a member of a visible majority on a subway' — a relationship suggested by the Pitman report — is an extremely tenuous one. The relationship between organized racist groups and racist violence, is direct and its result almost inevitable". A report from our own multicultural advisory committee tries to make fun of the link between ethnic jokes and the beating up of member of ethnic minorities on subways.

There is a connection. There is a connection in the general attitude, the kind of thing we are willing to stomach in society, the kind of thing we are willing to allow to happen, while smiling or giggling or joking or joining in or turning away from things we should be confronting. We have to confront it at the highest level. These people in the visible minorities want to hear the Premier and his ministers and the leaders of the various opposition parties speak out and speak out forcefully. It is very important to them. That's why this debate is so important.

All right. Human rights must enjoy a higher priority in Ontario than they have up to now. The human rights commission has to be beefed up with more money and more staff. It must report on a regular basis to a committee of the Legislature that will oversee its activities. It must be taken away from the realm of partisan politics when it comes to appointments. There must be consultation on these matters. We must have in this province an attitude from the very highest level demonstrating our commitment to the important values of humanity and democracy, even to the point of affirmative action, so that every human being in Ontario can live with dignity, with opportunity, with self-reliance and with what this country gave to me and I would that it had given it to many of my forebears — freedom from fear.

Learn Hindi by post

The Government of India is conducting correspondence courses for teaching Hindi to non-Hindi speaking Indians and foreigners residing in India and abroad through the media of English and Tamil. Malayalam medium is being introduced for elementary course from this year. This arrangement offers the facility of "own time self-study". Persons joining the courses will receive coaching at home through fortnightly lessons containing graded lessons, response sheets, ancillary literature and guide notes. The medium of instruction will be English, Tamil and Malayalam. Admission to the following two courses is open at present:

Hindi Pravesh: a two-year elementary correspondence course for beginners and Hindi Parichaya : a two-year advance correspondence course subsequent to the Hindi Pravesh.

Only candidates above the age of ten years are eligible. A nominal fee of Rs. 112.50 (equivalent amount in the currency of the country concerned) per annum will be charged from students residing abroad. Admission form, prospectus, etc. may be obtained from the Assistant Director (C), Central Hindi Directorate Correspondence Courses Department, Ministry of Education and Social Welfare, West Block No. 7, New Delhi 110001 (India). The last date of the receipt of application forms along with prescribed fee is July 31, 1978.

While asking for admission form and prospectus the name of the course [Hindi Pravesh or Parichaya] and medium [English, Tamil or Malayalam] should have to be superscribed on the envelope.

New tourism board

The Board of Directors of the India Tourism Development Corporation has been reconstituted.

The following persons have been appointed as part-time Directors on the Board for a period of two years from June 1, 1978:

C.B. Jain, Director General of Tourism; Dr. Miss Kanmuri, Joint Secretary (Finance), Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation; P.L. Saini, Chief of Protocol, Ministry of External Affairs; G.D. Mathur, Deputy Managing Director, Indian Air Lines; Begum Ali Yavar Jung; J. Swaminathan; Kali H. Mody; Mrs. Indira Trivedi; Mrs. Aruna Purohit; Pattabhi Rama Reddy; and A.K. Dave, the full-time Chairman and Managing Director of ITDC.

Bidis popular in California

Indian Bidis (hand-rolled cigarettes) have become a fad in California where they are often advertised as "natural and legal drugs", "herbal highs", or "non-tobacco Indian herbs". They appear to be readily available in smoke shops as well as by direct mail. Their use, however, has resulted in a number of intoxications requiring clinical attention.

At the Neuropsychiatric Institute of the University of California at Los Angeles, the following case was recently reported: 'A 28-year old man was brought into the hospital by his wife who claimed he had become irrational while eating dinner and smoking Bidis. He had become increasingly giddy, mumbling unintelligibly and laughing at minimal stimuli. He would stare vacantly and was unresponsive to his wife. He was seen at the hospital with flushed face, dilated pupils and rapid pulse. He appeared disoriented and frequently had hallucinations of little animals and insects moving about the examination room. Within 24 hours, he was free of symptoms and left the hospital'.

When samples of the Mint Bidis were chemically analysed at U.C.L.A., it was found to contain the alkaloids Atropine & Scopolamine in quantities sufficient to cause toxic symptoms when continuously used.

The ingredients listed on the Mint Bidis are Spear Mint, Gigantic Swallow Wort, Thorn Apple, Holy Basil, Marjoram, Sour Orange, Papaya'. Thorn Apple is the common name for Datura Stramonium which contains the hallucinogenic pharmacologic compounds Atropine & Scopolamine.

In another case recorded in Los Angeles, a 20 year old man came to the hospital after fainting following the intake of one 'Hare Rama Bidi'. He complained of nausea, headache, and weakness. He became anxious and decided to leave the hospital after a urine sample was obtained.

The 'Hare Rama Bidis' are also imported from India and are labelled "tobacco" and sold as class A cigarettes. However the Bidis, when assayed, contained 3-6 times more nicotine than commercially available cigarettes.

While the use of herbal medicines dates back to ancient India, China, and Greece, non-medical experimentation with herbal intoxicants is enjoying a recent revival as users search for legal alternatives to the ever-increasing list of restricted drugs, particularly hallucinogens.

India News & Features Overseas [I.N.F.O.]

Indian doctor dies

Montreal: An eminent medical practioner from India, Dr. Thomas Jacob, 45, died of heart attack in Ormstown, 35 miles south of Montreal.

Dr. Jacob came to Canada from Kerala in 1965, and has worked at Barrie Memorial Hospital, Ormstown, for the last years.

He received his M.D. from The Christian Medical College, Vellore in 1957. Dr. Jacob has served at Kattanam Mission Hospital and Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore.

A Fellow of The Royal College of Surgeons, Dr. Jacob has also worked at several hospitals in Montreal.

The Indian medical practioner was married in 1954, and is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Film festival

New Delhi, Jun 12 (UNI): An Indian film festival will be organized in Bulgaria later this year. It will be preceded by the visit of a 30-member dance and music ensemble from this country.

Bulgaria, in turn, will send a puppet theatre group to India in September. The famous Bulgarian exhibition of thracian art treasure, found in recent excavations, will also be held in this country sometime in 1980.

Indo-Syrian talks

New Delhi, June 12 (UNI): India and Syria today began talks here on a new air services agreement between the two countries.

During the talks, India agreed to allow Syria to operate a second service in addition to one permitted once-a-week under an ad hoc arrangement.

Pan Am flights to Bombay

Madras - Pan AM American airways will introduce direct flights from Bombay to New York starting July 2 this year.

This was disclosed to newsmen by the Airline director for India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka, Walton H. Pederson.

Effective from July 2, the service will operate thrice a week from Bombay to New York via Teheran.

Another service, four days a week, will be on the Bombay-Teheran-Istanbul-Rome-New York route.

At present, the Pan AM services to New York operate only from New Delhi. The airline has decided to operate from Bombay also in view of a great potential for tourist traffic, the director said.

He said that during 1977 Pan AM brought 40,000 tourists to India.

The airline has also decided to offer a special return fare from Madras to London and back at Rs. 7,400. This is 60 per cent of the normal fare, and will be available throughout the year.

A Madras firm, India Travels Pvt. Ltd. has been appointed as the Pan AM sales agent for the four Southern States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala.

Janata MP joins Indira Congress

New Delhi — A Janata member of Parliament from Arunachal Pradesh Bakin Pertin joined the Indira Congress, the first Janata MP to do so. He had contested the election as an independent supported by the Janata which he later joined.

In his letter of resignation, Pertin said that the Janata Party had become "unsafe" for the tribal people. It was a "broken reed" to lean on "beyond redemption and devoid of ideological commitments."

He said the "disgraceful spectacle" of in-fighting and the power games among the constituents of the Janata had proved that it consisted of "opportunists."

Faked receipts, man fined

A 34-year-old North York man has been fined $1,300 for evading taxes by giving out and using fake receipts alleging that he and others were supporting relatives in India.

Provincial Court Judge Charles Purvis was told that Surinder Kumar Choudhry of Lotherton Pathway, a laboratory technologist, set up a company using the initials of his wife and himself.

Judge Purvis was told that Mr. Choudhry issued $3,200 in receipts to two men without ever sending a penny to India.

[The Globe & Mail]

MGR has eye operation

Madras — Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran has undergone a major eye surgery here. But the news was kept a closely guarded secret for fear of impairing his image as a romantic hero of the film world.

The matinee idol had entered a well known private hospital of Madras and was operated upon by an eminent private eye surgeon of the city. A few hours after the surgery, Ramachandran was shifted to his residence to guard against any possible leakage.

Since the operation a week ago Ramachandran has not made any public appearance nor attended office.

BOOKS THAT MATTER

Tragedy of Komagata Maru, by Sohan Singh Josh. Hb.	$5.00
The Naxalite Movement, by Sankar Ghosh. Hb.	$8.00
The Sikhs of Today, by Khushwant Singh. Pb.	$2.50
HINDUSTAN Gadar Party, by Sohan Singh Josh. Hb.	$8.00
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PICNIC FOOD

Fresh cucumber, juicy tomatoes and beautiful cantaloupes are delectable summertime fruits and vegetables and great refresher for warm days. Sound appealing? Summer is a very short season. Before you know it, it will be over. So plan now to enjoy the sunshine as much as you can. Plan all your meals outdoors. Have a picnic, whether in your backyard or miles away from home. But be sure to pack all your food in a picnic cooler, not only to keep it fresh and tasty but also for safety's sake. I will give many recipes in the next two issues for you to choose from.

CHICK-PEA CHAT

1 can chickpeas (19 oz.)
1 green pepper, chopped
1 tbsp. chopped onion
1 clove crushed garlic
2 tbsp. lemon juice
3 tbsp. oil
½ tsp. salt
A pinch of each sugar and black pepper.
Combine all the ingredients in a glass bowl. Refrigerate for at least 12 hours.
¼ cup lemon pulp or tamarind pulp
¼ cup chopped coriander leaves
1 tbsp. finely chopped ginger root
1 tbsp. chat masala or to taste

Drain chick peas and mix in lemon or tamarind pulp and coriander leaves. Sprinkle chat masala and ginger root. Serve salad in a bowl garnished with onion rings and additional chopped leaves.

ASPARAGUS SANDWICH SPREAD

1 can asparagus tips (drained)
1 (3 oz. or 4 oz.) cream cheese
½ cup mayonnaise
grated onion to taste
Salt and pepper
Tabasco to taste
Mix above ingredients with mixer. Spread over bread.

VEGETABLE SANDWICH FILLING

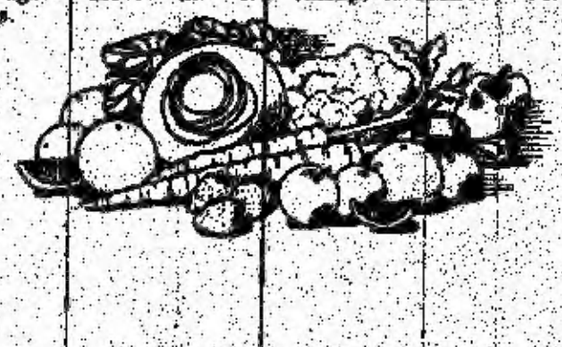
½ cup grated carrots
¼ cup minced onion
¼ cup minced green pepper
¼ cup minced celery
1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese
Dash of Salt
Dash of pepper
Mayonnaise (enough for desired spreading consistency).

Mix softened cream cheese, mayonnaise, salt, pepper and add vegetables. Spread between brown and white bread.

GIANT STUFFED HAMBURGER

2 tbsp. butter or margarine
1¼ cups herb seasoned stuffing mix, crushed (⅓ cup)
1 beaten egg
1 (3 oz. can) chopped mushrooms, drained or ½ cup chopped fresh mushrooms
½ cup beef broth
½ cup chopped almonds, toasted
¼ cup snipped parsley
1 tsp. lemon juice
2 pounds ground beef
1 tsp. salt

In medium saucepan, melt butter or margarine. Remove from heat. Add stuffing mix, egg, mushrooms, beef broth, onion, almonds, parsley, and lemon juice. Mix well and set aside. Combine ground beef and salt. Divide meat in half. On sheets of waxed paper, pat each half to an 8 inch circle. Spoon stuffing over one circle of meat to within 1 inch of edge. Top with second circle of meat. Peel off top sheet of paper and seal edges. Transfer meat patty onto a well greased grill basket. Peel off remaining paper. Grill over medium coals about 10 to 12 minutes on each side or until done. Cut into wedges. Serve with warm catsup, if desired. Makes 6 servings.



The Shastri Institute banquet

The University of Calgary Shastri Committee and the India Canada Association of Calgary jointly hosted a banquet in honour of the Board of Directors of the Shastri Institute on Friday, May 12, 1978, in Blue Dining Room of The University of Calgary. The dinner was followed by a feast of Indian classical music and dance.

The words of welcome were expressed by Dr. Inder Kher, Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Ravi Sharma, Past President of the India Canada Association, Dr. Harold Coward, Chairman of the University of Calgary Shastri Committee, and Professor Milton Israel, President of the Shastri Institute. The speakers also informed the gathering about the objectives of their respective organizations. Dr. Kher and others pointed out that the Shastri Institute has been established to foster understanding between India and Canada by supporting and promoting the development of Indian Studies in Canada and Canadian studies in India. Professor Israel emphasized the important role the Shastri Institute is performing in training teachers of secondary schools.

The variety entertainment was extremely well received and enjoyed by the audience. Mrs. Jhuma Banerjee, a gifted vocalist, performed as usual with ease and grace. She sang Miyan Malhaar, an evening raga, in Teental. She was accompanied by Vishwas Dhekney on the Tabla (Indian drums). Afzal Hanid-Awan, an accomplished Sitarist, performed raga Shiva Ranjani. The composition began with Alap (setting the mood of the piece), followed by Vilambit (slow) and Drut (fast) Gats, set in Teental — a rhythmic pattern of 16 beats, and concluded with Jhala, the inevitable crescendo, appropriate to the poetic experience of pleasing the god Shiva who is an embodiment of eternal cosmic energy. Tabla accompaniment was provided by Mr. Vishwas Dehkney to keep the tempo and rhythm of this beautiful composition. Mrs. Razieh Riaz, a highly talented and versatile dancer, delighted the audience with her natural charm and the dexterity of her movements. Her dance was in a semi-classical style, accompanied by a taped musical score sung by Runa Laila. Mrs. Riaz really danced without any restraint, and was applauded most warmly.

The banquet was well attended. Mayor Ross Alger was gracious enough to speak on this occasion. He welcomed and identified the guests of honour, and he appreciated the efforts of the Shastri Institute in developing our understanding of India, one of the world's oldest civilizations. Dr. Peter Krueger, Vice-President (Academic) and Acting President of the University of Calgary, offered his vote of thanks to various groups, individuals and special guests for coming together to make the banquet a great success.

Dr. Krueger thanked the Directors of the Shastri Institute for their willingness to hold their 10th Anniversary meeting of the Shastri Institute in Calgary, and for giving us the opportunity to host this banquet in their honour. He mentioned with great enthusiasm the participation of the India Canada Association of Calgary and thanked the Indian community and their organization for co-sponsoring the banquet. Dr. Krueger also gratefully acknowledged the presence of several special guests, chief among them Mayor & Mrs Ross Alger, Mr & Mrs Sam Blakely, Mr & Mrs Kevin Murphy, Mr & Mrs Raymaker, Mr. David Goa and Mr Albert Ludwig. He concluded his vote of thanks with words of deep appreciation for the Organizing Committee which included Dr. Harold Coward, Dr. Inder Kher, Dr. Samir Majumdar and Dr. Ravi Sharma.

Dr. Harold Coward, Chairman of the University of Calgary Shastri Committee adds that the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute banquet will remain in the minds of many as one of the most memorable cultural events at The University of Calgary. The entire programme was arranged and conducted with rare finesse for which the Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Inder Kher of the Department of English, deserves profuse congratulations and gratitude.

Speculative reports

New Delhi - A spokesman of the Home Ministry Thursday June 1 described as "highly speculative" the reports circulated by Indian news agencies that the Government was planning to set up a special court to try former Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi for offences for which she has been indicated by the Shah Commission.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that the question of follow-up action against Mrs. Gandhi on the basis of the two reports of the Sha. Commission were still under careful examination.

The agency reports had said: "The special court, with one or two judges presiding, will have the status of a sessions court and be directly under the Supreme Court with a view to avoiding time-consuming legal procedures of a magisterial court.

"For this purpose, an ordinance is likely to be issued, in the next few days amending the Criminal Procedure Code."

The agency reports brought forth immediate reaction from former Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court K.B. Asthana who, in a letter to Prime Minister Morarji Desai, said that circumvention of the ordinary courts of law for trial of an offender accused under the Indian Penal Code before especially constituted tribunal or court, with special procedure, would be violative of Article 14 of the Constitution guaranteeing equality before law to all persons.

Menezes Vice-chief

New Delhi — Lt-Gen S.L. Menezes took over as Vice-Chief of the Army Staff on June 1 from Lt-Gen., O.P. Malhotra who becomes Chief of the Army Staff.

Lt-Gen Menezes commanded a corps in the Eastern Sector.

Lt-Gen E.A. Vas will take over as GOC-in-C, Eastern Command, on August 1 from Lt-Gen J.F.R. Jacob, who retires on July 31. Lt-Gen Vas is at present Adjutant-General at Army Headquarters.

Lt-Gen Gurbachan Singh has been appointed GOC-in-C Northern Command. He assumes the new post on August 1.

He will take over from Lt-Gen H.C. Rai who retires on July 31. Lt-Gen Gurbachan Singh is at present Master-General of Ordnance at Army Headquarters.

Major-General A.N. Sehthna, at present Commandant at the Defence Services Staff College in Wellington, has been appointed Master-General of ordnance. He will take over the new appointment on July 31.

ASPARAGUS AND EGG SALAD [Sour Cream Dressing]

2 cups shredded lettuce
1½ cups cooked or canned asparagus cut in pieces
4 stuffed olives, sliced
1 bunch water cress
3 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
Dressing:
½ cup sour cream
1 hard-cooked egg, chopped
2 tsp. grated onion
2 tbsp. vinegar
1 tsp. sugar
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. prepared mustard
Dash of Cayenne

Arrange the lettuce, asparagus, olives, water cress, and sliced eggs in a salad bowl. Make dressing and chill. When ready to serve pour dressing over the ingredients and mix lightly. This dressing is good over sliced cucumbers.

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Dr. Krueger thanked the Directors of the Shastri Institute for their willingness to hold their 10th Anniversary meeting of the Shastri Institute in Calgary, and for giving us the opportunity to host this banquet in their honour. He mentioned with great enthusiasm the participation of the India Canada Association of Calgary and thanked the Indian community and their organisation for co-sponsoring the banquet. Dr. Krueger also gratefully acknowledged the presence of several special guests, chief among them Mayor & Mrs. Ross Alger, Mr & Mrs Sam Blakely, Mr & Mrs Kevin Murphy, Mr & Mrs Raymaker, Mr. David Goa and Mr Albert Ludwig. He concluded his vote of thanks with words of deep appreciation for the Organizing Committee which included Dr. Harold Coward, Dr. Inder Kher, Dr. Samir Majumdar and Dr. Ravi Sharma.

Dr. Harold Coward, Chairman of the University of Calgary Shastri Committee adds that the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute banquet will remain in the minds of many as one of the most memorable cultural events at The University of Calgary. The entire programme was arranged and conducted with rare finesse for which the Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Inder Kher of the Department of English, deserves profuse congratulations and gratitude.

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For which purpose, would it not be possible to prepare a text-book and introduce it in the schools all over Canada. It of course goes without saying that such a text-book ought to be simple, expressive, profound, and in keeping with the ethos, spirit and refinement of our great culture.

A task of this kind indeed needs such writers who will commit themselves whole heartedly and see the project materialized. It is arduous task; it is a noble task; it demands generosity, patience, and cooperation - all these in good measure. Surely, there are some among us who can undertake this noble endeavour which will be a lasting monument to our community and to Canada - our adopted country.

If you are interested in such a task contact Prof. B. Naidu, Cape Breton College, Sydney, N.S.

New move to bar doctor

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Hospital administrator Jim Roberts, in an interview today, said a letter had been received from Garetto giving notice that "he had been instructed to launch an appeal through divisional court."

"Our lawyer told us that Dr. Bhattacharyya would not be able to assume his surgical privileges until all this was settled," said Roberts.

Garetto, who is also Pembroke's deputy mayor, contacted by telephone, said the appeal had not yet been launched.

"I've got two weeks to draft my appeal and see if we can win it. If it looks like we can't, I'm not sure we'll go through with it."

Bhattacharyya, in an interview, confirmed that he had received a call from the hospital saying his July 1 appointment would be delayed because an appeal was being made. The hospital also advised him to find a lawyer.

But the surgeon, who received his formal medical training in Calcutta and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, Scotland as well as in Canada, said he was told by his lawyer to proceed to Pembroke despite the appeal. He said his lawyer was confident the committee did not have a case against him.

"I am going to Pembroke," he said. "I've gone this far. This thing has got to stop. I'm sick of the whole thing. I'm not trying to steal anyone's patients."

Part of the hearing testimony by doctors already practising in Pembroke suggested that there are already enough surgeons in Pembroke to handle the workload.

The Ottawa Journal

Sachdeva elected Lion's governor

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Mr. Sachdeva said that he has had been campaigning for the position for about five months. He commented that he and his campaign committee visited almost every club in the district during the campaign.

The new district governor has been a Lion for 15 years, holding various positions in the movement during his tenure. He was the deputy district governor before winning the election.

Bob Kelly, the successful candidate's campaign manager, commented that it was the first time that a member of the Beamsville club has been elected to the position in the club's 45-year history.

(Lincoln Post Express)

Soccer wizard

Calcutta - The well-known football wizard, P. Venkatesh is dead.

Venkatesh was unbeatable as a forward. A number of football stars of yester-years were present at the funeral.

Women's reserve misinterpreted

By Patricia Ball

Ottawa - South Asian women who believe that being reserved is a virtue are finding out that in Canada their quietness is often misinterpreted as arrogance or stupidity.

Social psychologist Josephine Naidoo told participants in a Tuesday workshop of the Canadian Psychological Association that South Asians haven't learned the verbal and behavioral assertiveness displayed by Western women.

"Here verbalization and participation are considered virtues and if you're quiet you are thought to be dumb and pushed down to the bottom of the hierarchy," she said.

Dr. Naidoo, a psychology professor at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, said that the estimated 250,000 South Asians who have come to Canada since the 1960s are faced with a dilemma for which they aren't prepared.

They came expecting to retain their cultural identity with dignity, a promise contained in the national policy on cultural pluralism. But they meet resistance - negativism and hostility in contacts with Anglo-Saxon Canadians who want immigrants to shed the distinctive aspects of their culture, she said.

Dr. Naidoo found in administering a questionnaire to 189 white Canadians, mainly students, on their perceptions of South Asian women in Canada that the same behavior was seen by some people as negative and by others as positive.

"They said they liked their grace, beauty, intelligence and femininity and didn't like the unfamiliar odors of their food, their accents, traditional customs and dress, abrupt mannerisms, class-orientedness and grouping-ness.

"But while some admired their retention of their home culture, others called this unwillingness to integrate. While some admired their quietness and politeness, others criticized this behavior as being aloof, unfriendly and lacking vitality. What some called commitment to family, others saw as subservience to men," she said.

Dr. Naidoo, who was born in South Africa to a highly educated East Indian family, found that respondents to her questionnaire this year had no reservations about writing down in her presence statements like "I'm glad I wasn't born one of them."

In a separate study that involved interviews of women from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, East Africa, Guyana and Trinidad, Dr. Naidoo found that education and opportunity for all are the characteristics that South Asian women most admire and want for themselves and their families in Canada.

"On the one hand, the South Asian woman exhibits the strong religious and philosophical values and concern for home and family generally attributed to her, but on the other hand, she exhibits a clear orientation toward education and achievement for herself and her family," she said.

Dr. Naidoo said that this duality allows South Asian women to seek success outside the home without any thought of being considered less feminine, because both the nurturant and energizing forces are believed to be female in Hindu mythology.

She suggested that Western women's fears of success may be linked to the fact that they model themselves after men and measure success according to male standards.

The Globe & Mail]

Edmonton mayor forms racism committee

Edmonton — Mayor Cec Purves has established a citizens' committee to meet local ethnic leders to solve the city's growing problems of racism.

In an interview he said he was concerned with the impact on the community of recent racist incidents directed mainly at East Asians in the local schools. Mr. Purves is aware of attempts to distribute racist hate literature in one local separate school. He has met school board officials to discuss the problem.

"As the city gets larger there is less opportunity to communicate between people. We have not had many ugly incidents yet. But it seems to be starting with the kids."

Mr. Purves said he was familiar with Metro Toronto Council's efforts to combat racism. But he rejected their approach of commissioning a study and forming a committee to implement its recommendations as too high in profile.

"Our problem is not as widespread. I think we can solve it by working behind the scenes," he said.

[The Globe & Mail]

They were elected

Montreal: The Cultural Association of Friends of Kerala (L'Association Culturelle Des Amis Du Kerala) has elected the following office bearers.

Vincent Plamthara - President, Jacob Cherry - Vice-President, George Kanna - Secretary/Treasurer.

Executive Committee members — Varghese Pattara, E. Mathen, Jose Mattam, and Dr. Radha Iyer Berliot.

The association organized its annual picnic on June 10. It has also started volley ball game to keep the members in shape.

The original plan was to call the association Malayala Samaj. However, the present regulations in Quebec restrict the use of any particular language.

By Thomas Panakal

Seminar for college teachers

Bernard S. Cohn, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Chicago, will offer a National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar for College Teachers, 'Anthropological Models and the Study of Indian History', June 13-Aug. 4, 1978. The seminar will emphasize the importance of anthropological models and theories in the study of modern South Asian history.

NEH seminars such as this are intended for persons teaching undergraduate courses at public or private colleges, universities, and community colleges.

India News & Features Overseas [I.N.F.O]

Following members were elected on the Executive Committee Lohana of Cultural Association of Canada for 1978-79.

Ratilal A. Lakhani - President, Ramesh K. Chotai - Vice President, Ashvin Morjaria - Gen. Secretary, Subhash D. Ghelani - Joint Secretary, Hemant Majithia - Treasurer.

Committee members — Chandrakant G. Sachdev, Shantilal V. Hindocha, Lalit Kanaber, Vinod Tanna, Bhupendra N. Tanna, and Chandrakant Lakhani.

Ex. Officio - Vinubhai G. Vasani.

Vedantic journal from California

A quarterly journal entitled 'Mananam' began publication in Napa California as a vehicle for the expression of Vedantic thought. It is published by the Chinmaya Mission (West) under the editorship of Rudite Emir of San Francisco.

The current issue of Mananam contains articles by Swami Chinmayananda, Swami Dayananda, Suddha Chaitanya, and Vinoba Bhave. It also has continuing lessons in Sanskrit grammar and construction.

According to Vedanta, the object of existence is not release but realization.

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Indian paintings

'Room for Wonder: Indian Painting during the British Period, 1760-1880' has been organized by the Asia Society under the guidance of Stuart Cary Welch, Senior Lecturer in Fine Arts, Harvard University.

The schedule is: Apr.13-June 4: Asia House Gallery (New York); Sept. 12-Nov. 12: Yale Center for British Art; Jan. 17-Feb. 5, 1979: Dallas Museum of Fine Arts.

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Music concert

On 30 June, 1978 there will be a music concert by Vilat Khan at Salle Du Gesu, 1200 Bleury Street, Montreal at 8:00 P.M.

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Matrimonial correspondence invited preferably from doctors for a beautiful Punjabi Khatri doctor girl, 25-½ yrs, 5½ ft. tall, settled in Canada. Reply M-1426, The Canadian India Times.

Wanted a suitable match for an immigrant, well educated, beautiful Punjabi Khatri girl, 22, 5¼ ft. tall. Presently working in Canada. Reply M-1427, The Canadian India Times.

Correspondence invited from professional (not a doctor) Punjabi Hindu Khatri boy about 25 for a handsome girl 21, 5'-3", working in computer field and a citizen. Belongs to a respectable, well settled family in Toronto. M-1428, The Canadian India Times.

Correspondence invited from girls for a 24 year old 5'-10" tall, Sikh, MBA holder, presently a lecturer and a Ph.D student. The position of your brothers, uncles, etc. immaterial. No bars. Write details with photo. M-1429, The Canadian India Times.

Wanted suitable immigrant match for handsome Punjabi Aggarwal bachelor, 25, elect. engg. 5'-8½". Presently employed as engg. in Bombay. Caste no bar. Cousins well settled in B.C. Details and photo requested in first letter. Reply Box M-1376, The Canadian India Times.

Correspondence invited from professional boys for a Canadian citizen Jat Sikh girl doing M.B.A. in a Canadian university. Parents are well established in Canada. Merits of boy main consideration. No bars. M-1396, The Canadian India Times.

Wanted well qualified handsome boy for Brahmin immigrant girl from Delhi, 21-½ years, 5'3", slim, good looking, professionally qualified from Canada. Caste no bar but Brahmin preferred. Family well placed settled in Canada. M-1421, The Canadian India Times.

Canadian-settled young man required for a Canadian- born Sikh Jat girl of 24, graudate of University of British Columbia (BA), of a family of professional people, 5'4" and attractive, and presently employed. Please forward replies, with snap, etc., M-1423, The Canadian India Times.

Suitable match for Hindu Jat girl, 32, well educated, teacher in India. Brothers well settled in Canada. Widower or divorcee accepted. Serious enquiries only. Reply P.O. Box 5321 Stn. F, Ottawa.

Matrimonial correspondence invited from beautiful girl for Punjabi handsome Khatri boy 25½ height 6'-1" studying in electronics engineering in Canada. Brother, sister, well settled in Canada. Caste no bar. Send full details to M-1405, The Canadian India Times.

Matrimonial correspondence invited from Canadian/US citizens or immigrants for Jat-Sikh bachelor, 24, 5'10", B.A., now studying hotel management. Family well settled in USA and Canada. Easy simple marriage. Caste no bar. Contact phone 807-934-6353 or 403-743-9124 or write to P.O. Box 647, Ignace, Ontario.

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Bid to rob Janpath

New Delhi - A well dressed young man smartly walked up to the receptionist of the Government run Janpath Hotel in downtown Delhi, flashed out a revolver and ordered him to hand over everything.

The receptionist first mistook him for a friend, but when Manohar 'Babla' sternly ordered him to raise his hands he struck the intruder, as a result of which the revolver fell on the floor.

"Babla" 18, was soon overpowered by hotel employees nad handed over to the police. A 4-inch-long thick knife was also seized from his pocket. All the six chambers of the country-made revolver were however, empty.

The Station House officer of Connaught Place police station said later "Babla" had come here from Chandigarh. He was a premedical student there, but had left studies recently.

SOLITUDE

Along the long and lonely streets I wander;
Dreams and memories, my soul's companions.
I see all like fishes in the silent sea;
Swimming about, sharing the same joys and glamour,
All happy to be born free.

No single sound invades my solitude;
Save for the foreign music that lingers on
And the soft wind that blows it further still.
My soul is now at peace and at ease
Filled with the gentle hints of nature's peace.

I would but long to share my quietness;
and I have searched the world to find someone.
I sometimes get lost in my thoughts,
As I am ever content with inner peace,
And I silently hear the promises of what is yet to come.

I've now grown old,
In wandering with memories and dreams.
But praises my Lord for this divine bliss,
And heavenly peace,
As I walk along my road of solitude.

Nirmala Singh

Cafik gives 300 000dollars to Ukranians

Ottawa — The Minister of State for Multiculturalism, the Honourable Norman Cafik, announced today that the Government of Canada is committed to providing a grant of $300,000 for the establishment of a Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Toronto. This contribution under the Multiculturalism Endowment Assistance Program will match a similar amount raised in the private sector by the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Federation.

Shivanath shatters record

Jullundur — Running the finest marathon of his career, Shivnath Singh of Services broke the Asian record to win the gruelling 42.19 km event comfortably in the 16th All India Open Athletic Meet here.

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